

The Bethel Citizen

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Local Christmas Services

Bethel

West Parish Congregational Church--Dec. 24, 7 p.m., Readings and Carols; 11 p.m., Carols and Communion.

Our Lady of the Snows--Dec. 24, 4 and 5:30 p.m., Christmas Eve masses.

West Bethel Union--Dec. 21, 7 p.m., Candlelight Service. All are welcome.

Pleasant Valley Bible--Dec. 19, Christmas caroling (meet at church at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 21, 6 p.m., Christmas play, "The Roundup of Ezra Pound." Dec. 24, 7 p.m., Christmas Eve Service. Dec. 31, 7 p.m., New Year's Eve Celebration.

Bethel Nazarene--Dec. 21, 6 p.m., Christmas program, narrated musical "Tree of Light." Dec. 23, 6 p.m., caroling (meet at parsonage). Dec. 24, 7 p.m., Christmas Eve Service.

United Methodist--Dec. 21, Christmas Service, 10 a.m. Dec. 24, 7 and 11 p.m., Services of Candlelight.

Bethel Alliance--Dec. 20, the church will host Community Caroling on the Common (meet on the Common at 6 p.m.). Dec. 21, Children's Christmas program during regular 10 a.m. service. Dec. 24, 7 p.m., Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. Dec. 31, 7 p.m., New Year's Celebration. Watch Night Service, 11:30 p.m. through midnight.

Andover

First Congregational--Dec. 21, 10 a.m., regular worship. Dec. 24, 7 p.m., Christmas Eve Service (with Sunday School children participating), followed by fellowship reception.

Calvary Congregational--Dec. 19, 5:30 p.m., caroling (meet at church). Dec. 21, 6:30 p.m., Christmas Cantata. Dec. 24, 6 p.m., Christmas Eve Service. Dec. 31, 9 p.m. through 12:10 a.m., New Year's Eve Service with singing, testimonies, video, fellowship, prayer; (soups and chowders served).

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist--Dec. 21, 6 p.m., Christmas program and tree. **Seventh Day Adventist**--Dec. 20, 11 a.m., Christmas Service with scripture readings, poems and special music. Fellowship pot luck dinner to follow.

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union--Dec. 21, 9 a.m., special Christmas Service with choir and Children's Pageant.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Congregational--Dec. 21, 4 p.m., Christmas Pageant of Lessons and Carols. Dec. 24, 8 p.m., Christmas Eve Family Service.

North Waterford/East Stoneham

North Waterford Congregational Church (Oxford County United Parish)--Dec. 21, 10 a.m., candlelight Christmas Service with church school pageant. Dec. 24, 5 p.m., candlelight Christmas Eve Service with carols, young people's time, choir music and readings.

Each Christmas Bethel brings the Nativity to life

By ALISON ALOISIO

It's described by originator Sue Farrar as "our Christmas gift to one another."

The "gift" is the Living Nativity performed each Christmas season on the Bethel Common, with townspeople playing the parts of the Holy Family.

When it began in 1964, it was the first live nativity scene ever presented in Maine, according to Farrar.

Farrar, who grew up in Maine, had just moved back to Bethel from Phoenix, Ariz., when she got the idea for a Living Nativity.

Despite the fact that the first Christmas took place in a desert setting, "Christmas dinner on the patio" in Phoenix had never quite hit the spot for Farrar.

"I was happy to be back in Maine, with a white Christmas," she said. Thus came the inspiration for the Nativity on the Common. "I thought it could be done live all the way," she said.

1964 announced the pageant: "Bethel people are invited to follow the guiding stars, found on all roads leading into Bethel, to the Manger on the Common this Sunday, where three presentations of a Live Nativity Scene will take place. Listen for church bells, which will chime 10 minutes before each of the three presentations."

The stars were made by school children. Recalls Nan Timberlake of Bethel: "They made large stars and nailed them to heavy sticks, which they then planted by every entrance to town, and along the streets to guide visitors to the Common."

The three presentations, while a success overall, did not go entirely according to plan, said Farrar.

Because some participants were hesitant to sing outdoors for the time required for the productions, she used a tape to provide Christmas music.

When Farrar first put the music on, "it blasted out and the sheep

'The music blasted out, and the sheep jumped over the fence.'

SUE FARRAR,

recalling the first Living Nativity pageant

The first 30-minute re-enactment of Jesus' birth in a stable was a production that tapped the talents of dozens of townspeople. Some took part as wise men, angels and other characters in the story, while others handled publicity or helped make costumes and scenery.

The first actors included Margaret Fiske, Greg Glines, James Lowe and Dan Vogt, among others. Playing the role of the baby Jesus was Carrie Fiske. The story was narrated by Robert Keniston.

Animals, including sheep, were provided by Warren Hastings, Stanley Moore, Clare Bachelder and Eileen Saunders.

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jumped over the fence," she said. Farrar and Sue Fiske set out after them. "I remember Sue and I grabbed the tail of a lamb," Farrar said.

And by the third presentation, baby Carrie Fiske was getting chilly. "The third time we had to use a doll because it was too cold," said Farrar.

The Citizen estimated that a total of 1,000 people came to watch the presentations. Timberlake remembers that people came from Rumford, Berlin, South Paris, Norway and Fryeburg.



AN ANGEL IN THE MAKING--Marion Thurston, 5, of Bethel will be an angel in this year's version of the Living Nativity, to be performed on the Bethel Common Sunday at 5 p.m. Here, Marion practices for the part as her costume is fitted by Nancy Hansen, couture to the celestial choir, assorted shepherds, shepherdesses, and wisemen. Below, brother Parker attends to more earthly matters. (Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Otten sees his company's future unfolding right here

The area isn't perfect, but it's home

By MICHAEL DANIELS

With all the changes the American Skiing Company has gone through in the past year -- the purchase of major Western resorts, its first stock offering, and, now, the possibility that it will play a role in hosting New England's first Olympics -- we thought this a good time to chat with owner Les Otten about his company's relationship to the Bethel area, past, present and future. This is the first of two articles. Next week we will discuss the Bethel Station project.

We started with the future, asking what's in store next for ASC, and what that means for the Bethel area?

"What happens next for ASC is continuing to consolidate management and management support services in Bethel," Otten said.

"Early indications are that the Edge Card processing center we set up in the old GAMM building is doing well. Those programs are strong. We'll be processing calls and reservations from all the Edge Card programs, from California and Utah to Colorado and all of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. We hope to get a million American skiers on the Edge Card, and that whole function is going to run out of Bethel."

If the program develops as early indications suggest it will, Otten said, as many as 200 people could be employed year-round in the former GAMM building.

But the success of the Edge Card also reflects a shift in the industry away from traditional low-skill, entry-level jobs to jobs requiring more training and technical skills.

"That card is revolutionizing the way our industry goes about selling its product," said Otten.

"It's a sophisticated piece of plastic identification and a tracking system. It has a radio frequency chip and an individual signature in the card, so you can tie it to any credit card you want and use it to purchase anything you want at the resort."

"Someone can look into the system at each one of the individual companies in a heartbeat and ask when the last time was it saw a given pass number. The question might be related, for example, to a child who didn't show up on time and the parents want to know when and where was the last time the child skied."

The bottom line on this new technology, he said, is: "It's easier for the guest, and if it's easier for the

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Group sets its sights on a New England Winter Olympics

Acknowledging they've got plenty of hard work ahead, a group of corporate leaders and former governors is keeping a low profile as they explore the chances of bringing the winter Olympics to northern New England and Massachusetts.

Committee Chairman Les Otten, who is president of the Newbury-based American Skiing Co., said the project is still in its initial stages. "We ain't there yet."

Former Vermont Gov. Tom Salmon, who serves on the 10-member committee, described the effort as "a large and ambitious idea."

Skiing events could be held in Vermont and Maine, including Sunday River Ski Resort in Newry. Skating would be at the FleetCenter in Boston and the Cumberland County Civic Center in Portland. And New Hampshire would host skiing, skating and other events.

The New England Winter Organizing Committee Inc. expects to complete the study by the end of next year, said Ben Kilgore, president and executive director of the committee.

The earliest year targeted by the group is 2010, but 2014 is more realistic, Kilgore said. The International Olympic Committee picks host sites seven years in advance of the date of the games.

Over the next 13 months, the group will research whether Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont can muster the financial backing, logistical support and public enthusiasm necessary to make a successful bid, he said.

Kilgore said within a year the group should know if it could be a successful bidder for the Olympics. He is optimistic.

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JORDAN BOWL WHITEOUT--The new Jordan Grand Hotel sits nearly 1,000 feet higher than Sunday River's South Ridge complex. From the upper balconies, such as this one, it is theoretically possible to see to the sea. But Jordan Bowl also gets more snow than other areas of the resort, and whiteouts are not uncommon. Here, Les Otten (right) and Sunday River President Dan Seme break from a recent inspection tour long enough to enjoy the snow. (Photo by Michael Daniels)

REMINDER

FROM THE BETHEL TOWN OFFICE
All Bethel, Albany and Mason dogs must be licensed by January 1, 1998.
A late fee will be charged to any dogs licensed after that date.



You Are Invited
TO: A Holiday Open House
AT: Linda's Country Flair
Flat Road, West Bethel
FOR: Good Cheer,
Good Conversation
WHEN: Friday, December 19th,
from 2-4 pm
Come and Enjoy the
Refreshments and the Company

The Bethel Citizen
office will be closing at 3:30 pm
on December 24th, Christmas Eve
Have a Great Holiday

Mahosuc Arts & Sunday River Ski Resort are all pumped up to present: **BIG AIR!**
FRED GARBO INFLATABLE THEATER CO. BIG LAUGHTER!
Sunday Night
December 28th at 7:00 pm
Summit Hotel Sunday River
Tickets:
Adults \$5 advance / \$6 door
Kids (12 & under) \$3 advance / \$4 door
On sale at the Welcome Ctr.
Snow Cap Inn, Summit Hotel
Preb's Pharmacy or call
824-3575 for reservations.

Christmas is only a week away

The Bethel Rotary Club has raised \$5,000 toward its goal of \$7,000 to purchase toys for needy local boys and girls this Christmas.

Requests for donations will be accepted through Dec. 19 and contributions through Christmas. Both may be sent to David Murphy, 844 Mayville Road, Bethel, ME 04217

Look for Santa's helpers Saturday outside the Bethel Foodliner.

--\$7,000
--\$6,000
--\$5,000
--\$4,000
--\$3,000
--\$2,000
--\$1,000

Letters

APPEALING THE BINGO-HALL VOTE

To the Editor:

Under Maine law, any person who is "aggrieved" by the decision of the Land Use Regulation Commission to permit the construction and operation of the high-stakes bingo hall in Albany Township may have a right to appeal that decision to the court. In order to have "standing" to appeal, a person must demonstrate a "particular injury." If LURC's actions "actually operate prejudicially and directly" on a person's property rights, financial interests, or "personal rights," then that person has a "particular injury" and can appeal.

This means that the following persons may well qualify to appeal to the court to overturn LURC's unlawful actions: (1) Taxpayers of Albany and taxpayers of Bethel; (2) The Town of Bethel itself; (3) Commercial businesses in the area; (4) Residents of Albany and Bethel.

Anyone who wants to appeal has to file in court on or before Dec. 30. If you are interested in appealing, you may contact a party to the appeal (me) at the law firm of Berman & Simmons (784-3576) in Lewiston to find out if you qualify and what the procedure would be.

Jeffrey Rosenblatt, Esq.
Albany

PIPELINE IS THE GREATER THREAT

To the Editor:

I can't believe how much support the residents of Albany are getting from Bethel in opposing the bingo hall issue as compared to the support that Bethel has given its own taxpayers who are going to be on the "you-know-what" end of the stick with the gas pipeline. To see the kind of uproar that people are in over a bingo hall and the indifference they show toward a potentially dangerous pipeline that does go right through or by personal property is beyond my comprehension.

I have many friends and family who will be directly affected by the pipeline. Not only does the pipeline present a tangible threat to its human neighbors, its effect on property values, scenic beauty, and rural character is invariably going to suffer. Do the residents of Bethel realize the construction danger and way that the people's lives who are on the proposed pipeline route will be altered? How does a bingo hall instill such a threat as to provoke such consternation and worry?

Secondly, the proposed bingo hall doesn't trespass or bypass privately owned property or residences, it will occupy Native American land. Where does it end with trampling the minority's human rights? The proposed natural gas pipeline project interferes on a much deeper issue with Bethel's own residents. When will this pipeline issue evoke some viable response from its leaders and citizens? It's time to show some concern over public safety and stand up for our own who are truly in the line of fire.

Loretta L. Patenaude
Locke Mills

A PET IS A COMMITMENT

To the Editor:

As Christmas once again approaches, I am writing what seems to be my annual letter to the editor concerning the plight of our animal friends.

Cute little puppies and kittens are in cages at the Mall just waiting for someone to come by and take them home. Just remember, they become adults who need care and cost money.

Buying a pet is a commitment, sometimes for as long as 15 to 20 years. It is also a big responsibility. Make very sure you, or whoever you are getting this pet for, are willing to make that commitment. Part of that commitment is making sure your pets are spayed or neutered. Working at a shelter, I have experienced firsthand the consequences of irresponsible owners who don't have their animals "fixed." If you can't afford to do this, you shouldn't have the pet. Saving a little money each week, you could easily afford the surgery by the time the animal is old enough for it.

Also remember it is cold outside this time of year. Animals need adequate shelter. If your dog must stay outside, make sure it has an insulated dog house with hay or blankets. Thaw out the water dish.

In the Christmas spirit, make a donation to a local animal shelter or buy that "hard-to-buy-for" person a gift certificate from a veterinarian and have a very merry, tail-wagging Christmas.

Kathy-Jo Farren
West Bethel

'NAUGHTY, NAUGHTY SENIORS

To the Editor:

I would like the caption of this letter, if you choose to publish it, to read: "Naughty Naughty Seniors."

It's amazing how one single word in a phrase can be so misleading. Reading the big, bold letters on the front page of The Bethel Citizen (Dec. 11), "Seniors to be grounded at lunch time," caught my eye.

Seeing the word "grounded," one would have to assume that the seniors were naughty and are being punished by maybe having to stand in a corner for a while during lunch for doing something bad. Maybe in their younger years they had to, but yet again, we all probably did at one time or another.

The decision of the superintendent and School Board is overwhelmingly accepted, but a caption like ("Seniors denied less freedom") would have been more appropriate considering the situation. Just a thought.

Charles A. Lowe
Bryant Pond

(Reply: We certainly did not intend to imply any naughtiness, but we can see now that some readers -- we hope not Santa -- might infer such from the headline. We apologize for any misimpressions that might have resulted from our choice of words. --MRD)

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guest then it's better for us."

But it also reflects changes in the nature of the future jobs that will be available in the ski industry.

"At some point we get to reduce the number of ticket sellers," Otten said. "You don't have the high demand and crowding on the lines in the morning and it allows our ticket people to become more vacation specialists."

"In the service industry we've got lots of job opportunities where you can get in and grow, but we still need a lot of college-educated or vocationally trained people to run our business."

And opportunities for untrained or non-technically oriented employees, are likely to shrink further as technology evolves, he said.

Why stay in Bethel?

We asked Otten why he chooses to keep headquarters of the American Skiing Company in Bethel, when other locations were more centrally located, offered a more technically educated work force, more splendid scenery and/or more diverse cultural attractions.

"There's no good economic reason for the company to be located in Bethel," he acknowledged, "but I like it here. It's where I'm from."

A tough place to work

But whether an employee is well or not-so-well prepared by education and experience, Sunday River still has a local reputation as an extremely demanding, yet low-paying place to work.

We asked Otten if that reputation was fair.

"The first half of it is very fair, he acknowledged. "We're extraordinarily demanding, but we're also the best paying company in the U.S. ski industry."

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LES OTTEN,

Recalling a local business leader's reaction to Project Opportunity

"The technology of our industry needs to have a backup and a support system someplace," he said, "and right now one of the most comfortable places to think about having this exist is right here in this community."

But Otten readily acknowledges there are drawbacks, especially when it comes to hiring and retaining the best employees.

"We have not been able to hire a lot of people because of where we are," he said.

"Our staff is great and we've got the best people we could possibly get, but the number of people who have turned down employment with us because of the community would astound you."

This is due in part to the perceived quality of the school system here, he said.

"K-5 gets rave reviews from everybody," he said, "but there are a lot of concerns with the middle school. There are also worries about the lack of arts programs and the lack of cultural opportunities for kids as they grow up. Even things like not having football still loom in people's minds."

Otten said his company has tried to improve this situation, but has faced an uphill fight.

"One of the goals of Project Opportunity was to stimulate the minds of young people to further themselves, do better things."

"We have been able to pick up a bunch of kids locally that have stayed instead of leaving, and who work for the company now in marketing or in sales."

"But Bethel for many, many years has provided no opportunities, or limited opportunities for kids that were born and brought up here to stay here."

"Go run a lift, drive a truck, stack wood at the mill -- those are OK entry-level jobs for a year or two," he said, "but then the question is: 'What's after that?'"

Low value on education?

"The community itself doesn't place a very high emphasis on education," he said, "especially for people who are not going to go on to college."

"We started Project Opportunity, years ago, when the company was barely making money. I went to other businesses and said I want to be the catalyst for creating a year-round scholarship endowment that would be able to raise expectations, to help kids while in high school to see and experience different things -- and have some scholarship dollars they could apply for."

"I said I wanted this to go toward the 'C' students as much as the 'A' students, if not more, because they're the ones that are being the most deprived," Otten said.

"I went to one of the larger

businesses in Bethel, sat with the board of directors and told them what I wanted to do. Granted, I was 35 years old at the time -- a kid compared to some of the guys who sat on the board. I asked them to match \$15,000 a year."

"I'll do \$30,000," I said, "and we'll go from there." But it was like pulling teeth. Finally after three years I got that business to put in \$5,000. They were a bigger company than I was, they had more profits than I did, but the comment that came back was: 'If we overeducate these kids, who's going to drive the trucks?'"

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Bethel at next-to-nothing rates."

And, he noted, there's some indication a lot of Bethel people don't even want the skier business in town.

"Read through the file of letters we've gotten from Bethel angry because we directed skiers to the IGA," he said. "The letters ask: 'Why can't these skiers get their provisions other places.'"

Outdoor assets

While we may disagree about the quality of the local school system, or where to shop, or whether we like having skiers around, few would disagree that our countryside is one of the Bethel area's great assets.

Otten readily acknowledged the increasingly important roll the out-of-doors will play in his company's future.

"What my company's interested in doing is promoting the phrase: 'Live in the Outside.' We are thinking expansively toward recreation that goes beyond just skiing in the wintertime to everything that you can do in the outdoors in this region in the summertime, or any of the regions the company's operating in. We want to expand and to grow and to take advantage of the other seasons."

As an example, he pointed to the championship golf course planned for Jordan Bowl.

"It will help the overall community as a summertime destination region," he said. "Two golf courses in the Bethel area will probably draw three times the people one golf course draws."

And while technologies that didn't even exist a few years ago are making it possible for a company of ASC's scope to operate from Bethel, a natural attraction that didn't exist (as an attraction, that is) 25 years ago also adds to the appeal of Bethel as a headquarters for a major outdoors-oriented corporation.

That attraction is the Androscoggin River. "When I got to town 25 years ago," Otten said, "the last thing anybody wanted to think about was going in the Androscoggin. The feeling was 'Why would I want to go sit in a cesspool?'"

"But now people are beginning to use and appreciate it. You see a lot of wildlife. The fishing is great too, if you go to the confluences with the tributary rivers. It's a great asset to the community."

On balance, it's home

Like any place, the Bethel area has its pluses and its minuses.

"You grow accustomed to a community," Otten said, "and I consider this to be home. If it's home and where my kids come back to then it's hard to think about being someplace else."

"There are great economic reasons for basing the company somewhere else," he said, "but from a personal standpoint, it comes down to how you feel about a place, and I like it here. My friends are here. As long as it's reasonable and possible we'll stay here."

But he said this might take some accommodation by the community.

"In order to keep us here we need some things, because we've become something different. The community has to be willing to adapt, to decide whether or not it wants to accept us for what we've become."

As an example he cited the Col. Dyke Airport. "We need another 1,000 feet on the end of the runway, because we've just got a lot of stuff that's coming in and out of here."

"I hope," Otten said, "that the company expansion and bringing jobs to the community will be seen as good things. The tax base will go up, and as that happens over a period of time, then hopefully we can convince people to spend a little bit more on education, to improve the culture of our community and create better opportunities for our kids as they grow up -- and maybe even get a winning record in American Legion baseball."

OUR BACK PAGES

Compiled by POLLY DAVIS

10 years ago: Bob Gundersen, superintendent of Bethel Waste-water Treatment Facility reported that the 2,200 reeds planted in the two drying beds at the facility would save the town \$24,000 over an eight-year span.

Alfred and Margaret Merrill of Flat Road, West Bethel, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at Town and Country Restaurant in Gorham, N.H.

Steve Wight, owner of Sunday River Inn, announced the name of the inn would be changed to Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center.

The Bethel Lions Club inducted the first woman, Gert Friel, to become a member in a club of District 41L.

Births: James Davis, Jordan Cummings, Nathan Walker, Sarah Swan, Bret Kendall.

Marriage: Betty Degen and Staff Sgt. David Courson.

Deaths: Othie Buck, Elvie Gatchell.

20 years ago: Assistant Chief Harold Carver and Chief Bob Davis of the Bethel Fire Department accepted a check for the Plektron Fund from Newton-Tebbets Inc. treasurer Roy Newton as a contribution to purchase one Plektron as an opener to the fund.

Marianne Cousins was selected to participate in the Gould Academy Foreign Exchange Program in Mexico.

Art Froburg was manager of the Bethel Inn Ski Touring Center.

Karen and Eric Paul and son Aaron represented the Holy Family in Bethel's Living Nativity.

John Head and Becky Shaw were elected King and Queen at the Annual Bethel Lions-Rotary Winter Ball at the Bethel Inn.

Births: Briana Roy, Reed Snyder.

Marriage: Catherine Peterson and Dale Nelson.

30 years ago: Clara Foster Hamlin was selected to appear in the 1967 edition of "Outstanding Young Women of America."

Norris Brown and William Cousins portrayed Wisemen in the annual Living Nativity Scene.

The Bethel store of the Maine State Liquor Commission was moved from the former showroom at Bennett's Garage next to Bethel Shoe Company (now SAD44 Bus Garage) to quarters in the partially constructed A&P store on Railroad Street (now Bethel Family Health Center).

Births: Michelle Parkman, Wayne Stoddard Jr.

Marriage: Jeanette Mann and Barry Millett.

Deaths: Irving Cole, Alpheus Coffin, Janene McAllister, Lena Fleming.

40 years ago: Oxford County Sheriff James Lassiter was seeking a third term in the Republican primary election.

Mrs. Bertha Ernst of Bethel died of injuries received when a car driven by her son, Fritz, owner of the New Yorker Motel and Restaurant in Mayville (now Rostay Motor Inn), collided head-on with a Merrill Transport trailer truck.

Robert Blake resigned as Chief Engineer of the Bethel Fire Department. Addison Saunders took over the duties for the remainder of the term.

Birth: Christopher Kailey.

Deaths: J. Frank Harthornie, Arthur Clark, Bertha Ernst.

50 years ago: Harry T. Sawin resigned after serving 23 years as janitor in Bethel schools.

A new Bethel dramatic club (name to be determined later) was organized with the following officers elected: Rolly Glines, president; Dale Thurston, vice president; Elsie Waldron, secretary; Carolyn Bryant, treasurer.

Mrs. Georgia Butters was the new leader of Bethel Girl Scout Troop No. 1.

Birth: Mary Lowell.

Deaths: Herbert Day, Ned Swan.

100 years ago: The W.C.T.U. met at the home of Jarvis Billings on Mechanic Street.

Tramps were being transferred from "Hotel Barker" (the Lock-Up which once stood behind the Bethel Foodliner on High Street) to the Oxford County Jail by Constable Barker, who "does not propose to entertain professional tramps at the expense of the Town of Bethel."

The gymnasium was being heated at Gould Academy so students could use it during the winter months.

Some of Bethel's leading businessmen were establishing a company to furnish heat, light, and power in Bethel.

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Briefly

Teens survive night on Old Speck

NEWRY--Three teenagers from Androscoggin County survived Sunday night in sub-zero conditions on Old Speck Mountain in Grafton Notch State Park. Kristina Vincent, 16, of Minot, Evan Hutchinson, 18, of Auburn, and Jason Berey, 18, of Greene had set out at 4:30 a.m. Sunday for a day-long snowshoe hike in the park. They had planned to hike up the Appalachian Trail toward Old Speck, and then return. But a snow squall wiped out their tracks, making them unable to find their way out. They spent the night huddled together in a cave. At about 7 a.m. Monday morning, they started back down the trail, and met the Mahoosuc Search and Rescue Team near the bottom. All three teens suffered frostbite and were taken to Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin. Hutchinson was admitted Monday.

Planners table Station extension

BETHEL--Saying they would like to see some aesthetic improvements made at the Bethel Station site, the Planning Board last week tabled a request from the developers to extend their site plan approval for three years. The original approval took place in 1994, and stipulated the project be substantially complete in three years. Planner Jan Baker wondered if approving an extension would also mean extending the time that passers-by would have to look at an unfinished project site. "I'm not comfortable granting an extension unless there's a good faith effort to smooth stuff over," she said. She was referring to areas where piles of loam have been sitting for some time. CEO Norm Putnam said he had contacted developer Grant Wilson regarding what might be done, but Wilson was not willing to spend money for clean-up purposes. The planners decided to research whether the town had originally required that a third party bond be set up to cover such costs.

Pipeline opponents seek funds

BETHEL--Concerned Neighbors Against the Pipeline, a group opposed to the proposed natural gas pipeline through Bethel and neighboring towns, is seeking additional funds to continue its battle against the project. Roger Zimmerman told the Bethel selectmen Monday the group had raised \$2,400 and spent that amount on legal fees, but still owes \$1,500 and needs funding beyond that to continue its court challenge to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's approval of the project. In a presentation lasting more than half an hour, Zimmerman also berated the selectmen as a group for failing to actively oppose the project, and he sought their financial support, as individuals, for the legal battle.

Voters to be asked about bingo hall

BETHEL--The town selectmen voted Monday to put on the ballot for February's referendum two questions related to the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe's proposed high-stakes bingo hall in Albany Township. One question asks if voters feel the town should oppose a legislative bill that would allow the tribe to increase the amount of Indian Trust Land in Albany (thereby increasing the amount of land available there for the possible expansion of gambling activities). The second question asks if the town should go on record as opposing construction of the bingo hall. In a vote of their own, the selectmen unanimously recommended that voters approve both questions.

Bethel Inn plans expansion

BETHEL--Representatives of the Bethel Inn last week presented the Planning Board with a plan for a renovation/addition project on the inn's main building. Sixteen new guest rooms and two conference rooms would be added to the front wing. The rooms would replace 15 rooms located in The Elms building. The Elms is being sold to the Bethel Historical Society. One concern of planners regarding the addition was parking, particularly for buses. Some worried about buses parking on Broad Street, possibly creating traffic problems and noise. Inn manager Bill White said buses are rare in the winter. Most buses come during foliage season, he said. Board members indicated they would like to see a designated bus parking plan as part of the overall site plan. White said he would like to start construction in February. A public hearing has been scheduled for Jan. 14.

Selectmen to vote on traffic ordinance

NEWRY--Selectmen will vote Jan. 6 regarding enactment of a traffic control ordinance that would give them power to establish speed limits, set up stop signs, etc., in town. A time for input from the public will be scheduled prior to the vote, which will take place at the regular selectmen's meeting (9 a.m.) on that day. Selectman Steve Wight described the traffic control language, which is based on state law, as a "background ordinance that gives us authority." No Town Meeting is required to enact such a regulation. The issue arose in connection with a citizen request for a stop sign on the Sunday River Road, at the intersection of the Monkey Brook Road. The Monkey Brook Road now leads to the Jordan Grand Hotel, and will likely see more traffic than the Sunday River Road. Currently, there is a yield sign coming out of the Monkey Brook Road.

AWD signs EPA decree

ANDOVER--Andover Water District trustees last week signed a consent decree with a \$5,000 civil penalty, ending a battle with the Environmental Protection Agency over failure to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act. AWD is currently in the process of upgrading its water system with a new production well, underground reservoir and piping. The EPA had originally threatened the district with a \$20,000 civil penalty upon signing the decree, and up to \$25,000 a day of retroactive penalties to 1994, when AWD should have complied with the SDWA. AWD now has the following deadlines: begin construction of the new water system by May 1, 1998; complete construction by Nov. 30, 1998; and comply with the act by Dec. 31, 1998. The \$5,000 fine will not cause an increase in water rates, according to district officials.

Raffle to benefit AES

ANDOVER--Four solid wood stools are being raffled off as a fundraiser for the Andover Elementary School. The woodburned stools are the creation of Bob and Laurie Brown, of Abnaki Wood Creations. Tickets are available in Andover at Mills Market and Dave's Store, in Bethel at Preb's Pharmacy and Crescent Park Elementary School, and in Rumford at Port To Port Imports. Drawing will take place Dec. 23.

Cats need help

NORWAY--The Voices for Animals group is seeking help for approximately 30 cats, whose elderly owner died last week. Donations of food, kitty litter, money for medical treatment, and offers of foster care and/or permanent homes would be appreciated. The group plans to arrange for the cats to be neutered or spayed. For more information call Kris McAlister at 207-743-0356.

WMNF gift certificates offered

LACONIA, N.H.--Gift certificates for a recreation parking pass to the White Mountain National Forest are available for those who may wish to buy them for Christmas gifts at U.S. Forest Service offices. A \$20 annual pass is for those who use the forest year-round. A \$5 pass is good for one to seven consecutive days. For more information call (603) 528-8721.

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From the Bethel Police log:

Two brothers have a night to forget

At 12:42 a.m. on Dec. 13, police received a complaint of a subject who had been thrown from a car at the intersection of Route 2 and the Sunday River Road. While en route, the officer was notified the vehicle had fled the scene toward Rumford, and the injured party had been picked up by the vehicle. On arrival the officer spoke to a witness, who said two subjects had been fighting at the intersection, when one of them got back into the car and tried to drive off. The other one tried to grab the car and fell over into the road. Dispatch then reported the Mexico police had located one of the subjects. The Bethel officer responded to that location. The subject said his brother was very intoxicated and had tried to pick fights with everyone in the vehicle. The subject said he tried to calm his brother down outside the car, but was unsuccessful. When the subject got in the car and tried to leave his brother behind, the brother grabbed on to the car and fell into the road. Police tried to talk to the brother at the hospital in Rumford, but he was very intoxicated and did not remember the incident.

Friday, Dec. 12

At 9:50 p.m. a subject was stopped for speeding on Route 2 in Bethel. A license check showed he did not possess a valid license. Richard T. Ryan, 40, of East Hartford, Conn., was arrested and placed in the cruiser. Upon identifying his passengers, it was found that both subjects had felony narcotics warrants out on them. Darrell D. Sullivan, 32, of Albany, N.Y., and Herbert Gilles, 42, of Beecher Falls, Vt., were also arrested. All three subjects were taken to the Oxford County Jail for processing. Ryan was charged with operating without a license and speeding. Sullivan and Gilles were held pending extradition.

Saturday, Dec. 13

At 8:55 a.m. a subject was stopped for failure to stop at a stop sign. A license check showed it was under suspension. David P. Vicau, 27, of Newport, R.I. was given a verbal warning for failure to stop at a stop sign, and was issued a summons for operating without a license. He was released to a licensed driver.

At 10:18 p.m. a subject was stopped for speeding. It was found she had been drinking and had slurred speech and glassy eyes. She was given three field sobriety tests, which she failed. Lynn M. Leveseur, 31, of Slatersville, R.I., was arrested and taken to the Oxford County Jail. She was given a breath test, summonsed and held in lieu of bail.

Sunday, Dec. 14

At 10:04 a.m. police observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on the Sunday River Road. The vehicle immediately pulled over. Before the officer had turned the cruiser around the operator had exited the vehicle and was standing beside it. She immediately apologized and said she was in a hurry to pick up something from work. She said she had left her child at home alone while she was gone. A license check showed her right to operate had been under suspension for OUI since 1992. Susan L. Isham, 29, of Bethel, was issued an OAS summons.

Tuesday, Dec. 16

At 11:10 p.m. police were notified that two intoxicated male subjects, who were passengers in a transportation service's vehicle, had made threatening remarks to a clerk at the C.N. Brown store on Railroad Street. They had been denied in their attempt to purchase beer because they were intoxicated. When the officer arrived they were gone, apparently headed for the C.N. Brown store on Route 2. When the officer arrived there, the clerk said the two subjects had used obscene gestures and language toward him. The officer obtained information on them, and if located, they will be issued a summons for criminal threatening.

At 11:30 p.m. police were called to a single vehicle accident at the corner of Routes 2 and 5. On arrival, there were two males standing next to a pickup truck. One subject was transported to Stephens Memorial Hospital for stitches. Daniel Martin, 31, of Hudson, Mass. was also summonsed for OUI and possession of a usable amount of marijuana. The second subject, Joseph Walker, 18, of Quebec, Canada was summonsed for possession of a usable amount of marijuana.

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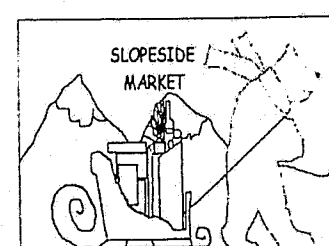
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MERRY CHRISTMAS, FROM ONE GENERATION TO ANOTHER
More than 110 people attended the annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner, held this year for the first time at the Jackson-Silver American Legion Post in Locke Mills. The event, which attracts seniors from all over the Bethel area, is put on by the Bethel Rotary Club. Here, diners are entertained by the Crescent Park Elementary School Choir. Also taking part in the entertainment were seventh-graders from Telstar Middle School, who read the story "The Perfect Christmas Tree." Seventh-graders also made centerpieces for the tables, and bookmarks for gifts. (Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Nativity

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The event was also filmed by WMTW Channel 8, and aired on that station on Christmas Eve. Other towns later contacted Farrar for advice on how to start their own living Nativities, she said. A live choir has been used in Bethel every year following the 1964 production, said Farrar.

More recent productions

In the years since, the production has been staged without any formal organizational committee behind it, according to Carl Hansen of Bethel. Hansen and his wife, Nancy, have taken the lead in the pageant's plans for the last seven years.

"Every year everyone says, 'Who's doing it?'" said Hansen. "We make a few phone calls, and it happens. But if we walked away, it would still get done."

A certain amount of tradition has also grown up around the Nativity production over the years, Hansen said.

"Mary and Joseph are always a married couple. The baby is one

born within six months of the Nativity," he said. "And we don't divulge who the Holy Family is ahead of time. We've never had anyone turn us down (for the parts). They've always felt it was an honor."

Seneca Brooke, 20, of Newry played a member of a shepherd family when she was about 5.

She remembers the night was "very cold. There was a lot of excitement, and lots of people. It was like Mollycodd Day is now," she said. "We dressed in the Moses Mason barn. They put rags on our feet, over our boots. I remember holding my little sister's hand. We bowed to the baby, and I tried to play with the sheep."

In recent years, the participants have dressed for the scene at the Bethel Inn, which also serves them hot chocolate. The goings-on generally attract guests from the inn. "They drift out to the Common, and they're pleasantly surprised," said Hansen.

Some of the Hansen-directed pro-

ductions have also had their share of minor glitches.

One year a wise man didn't show up, due to a misunderstanding. A bystander was drafted. "Someone said, 'Here, you're a wise man.' We got him a costume and pushed him out the door," Hansen said.

Another year a little girl playing the part of an angel had trouble keeping her footing on top of a hay bale behind the manger. She kept disappearing from sight, only to reappear atop the bale after picking herself up off the ground.

Last year there was another sheep incident, when one of Pooh Corner Farm's sheep escaped. Bystanders were pressed into service as real shepherds, while Carol Duplessis of Pooh Corner tried to lure the animal back with dog biscuits.

This year's pageant will mark a third of a century for the Living Nativity. Hansen said spectators can expect something a little different -- but he's not saying what it is.

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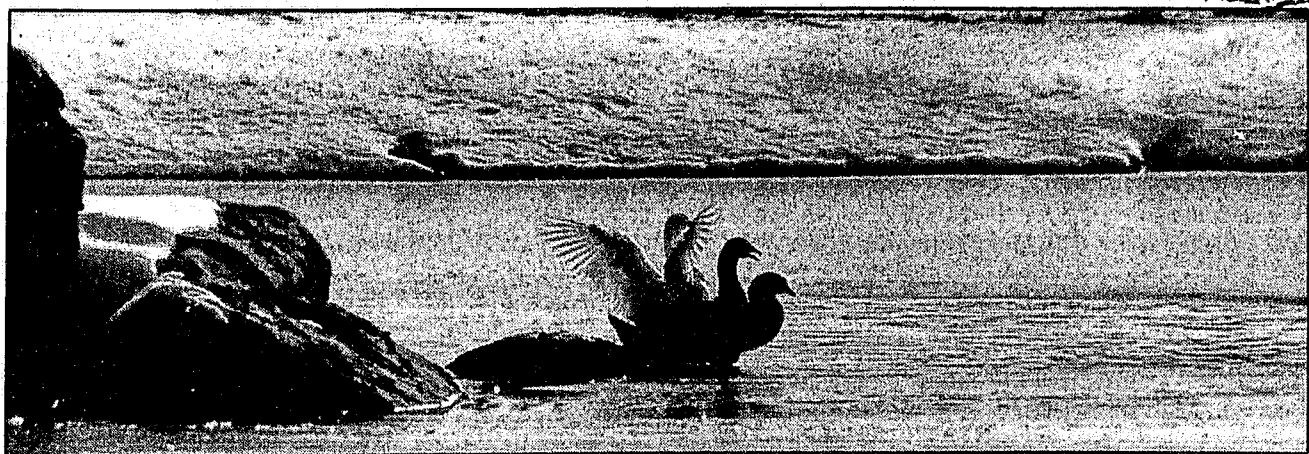
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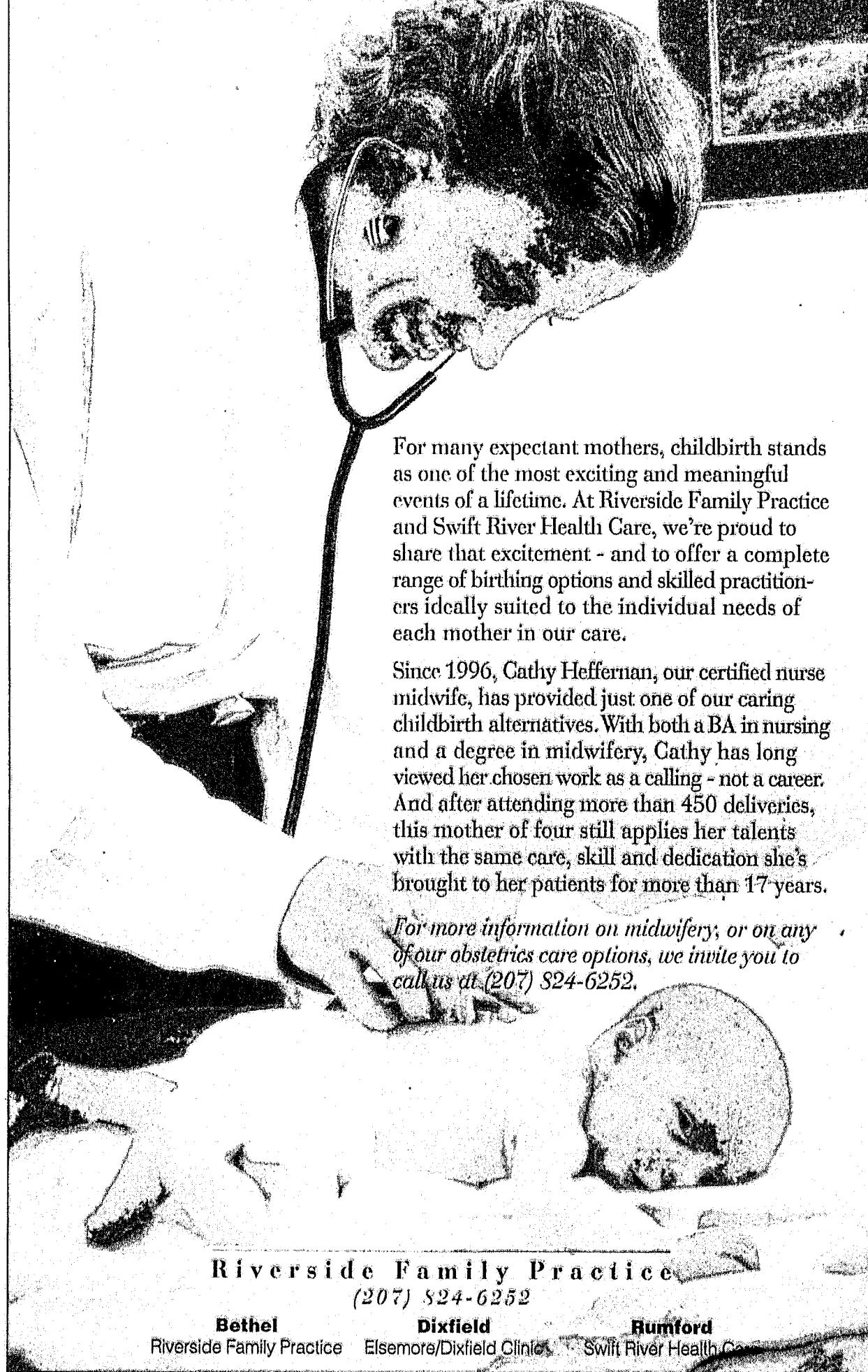
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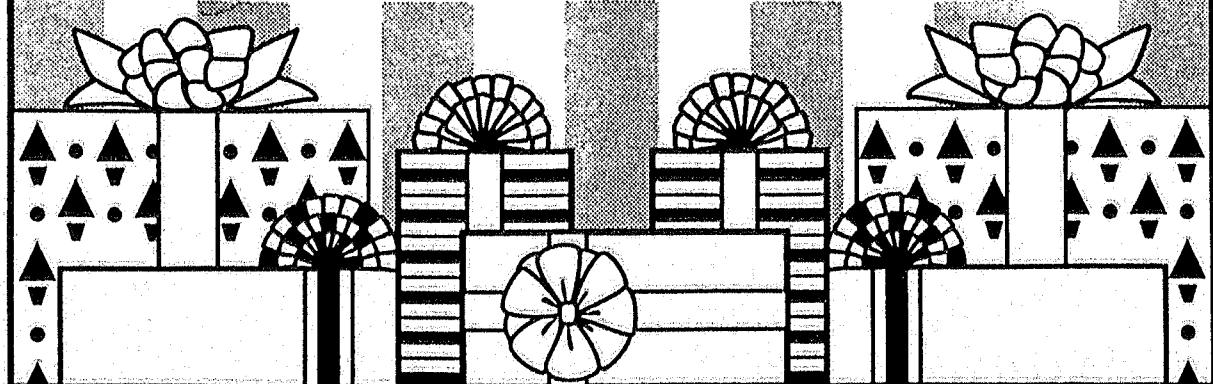
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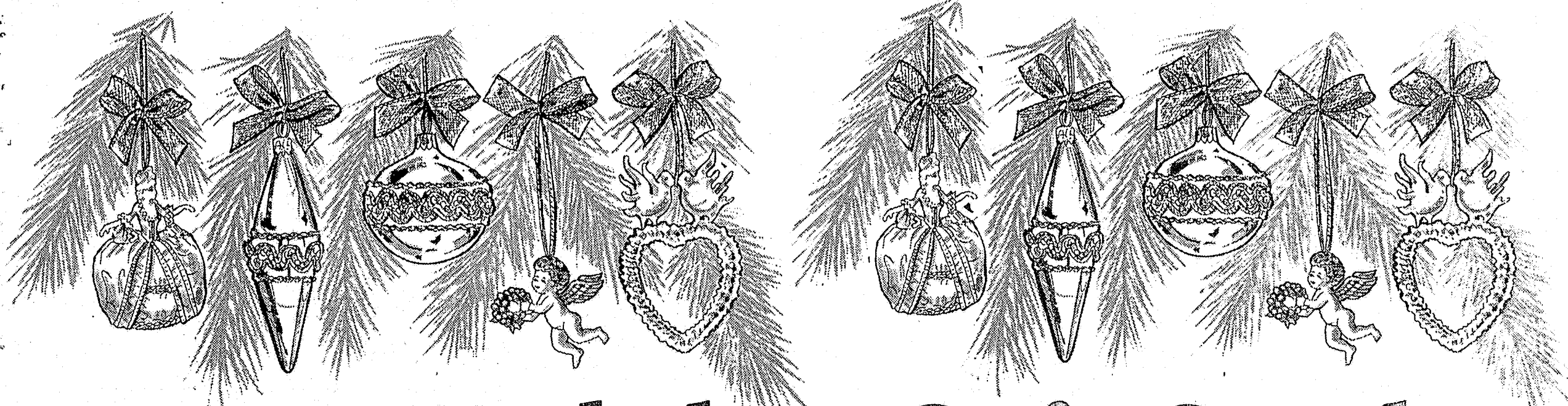
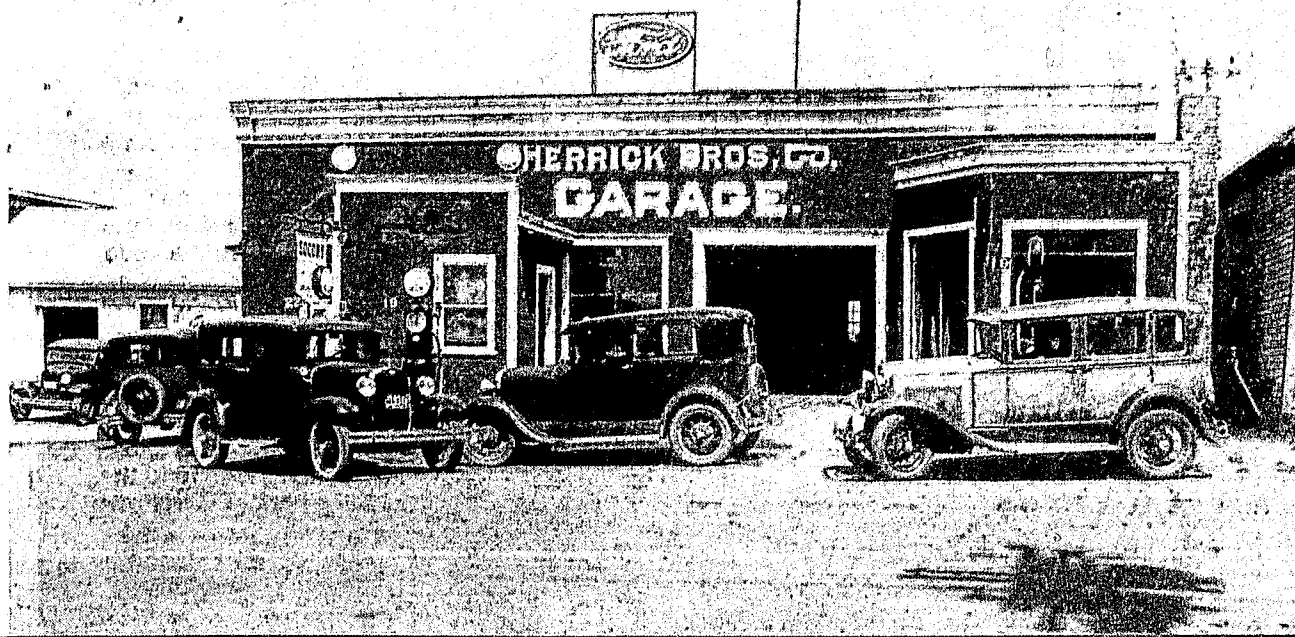


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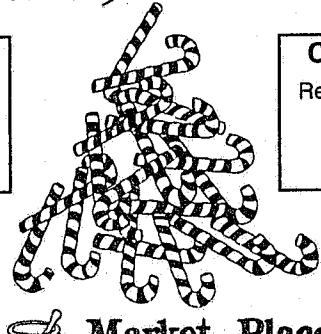
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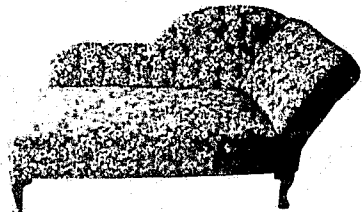
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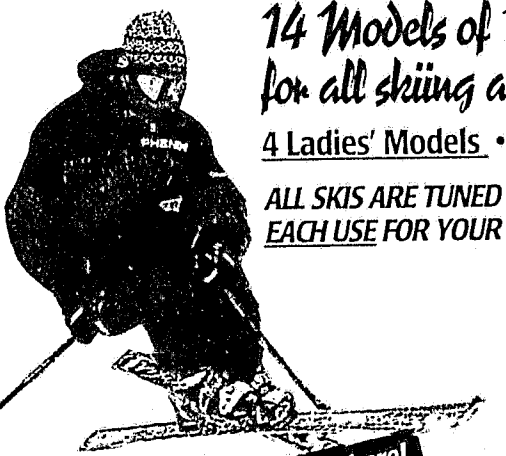
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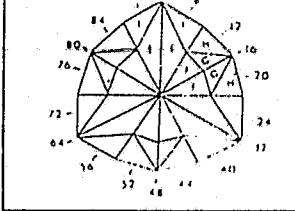
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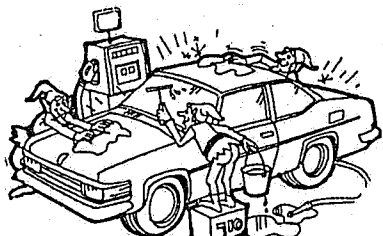
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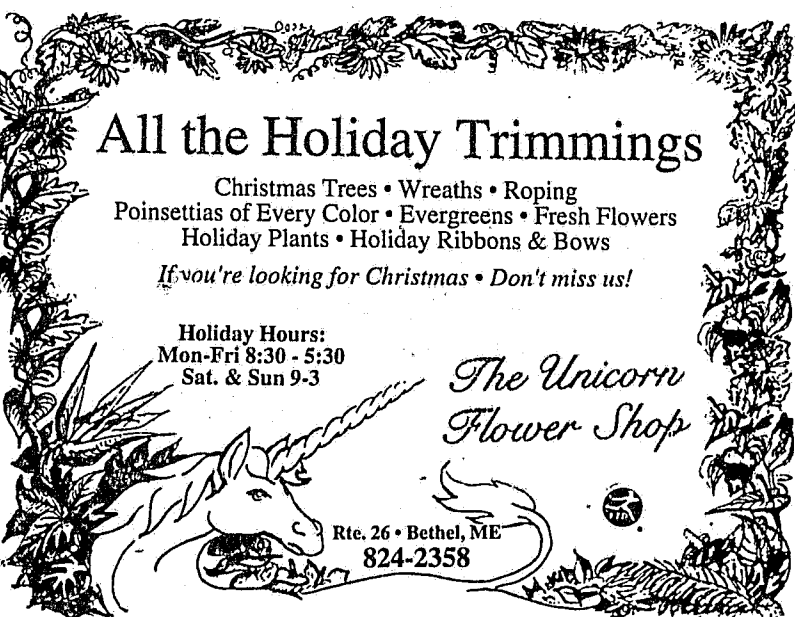
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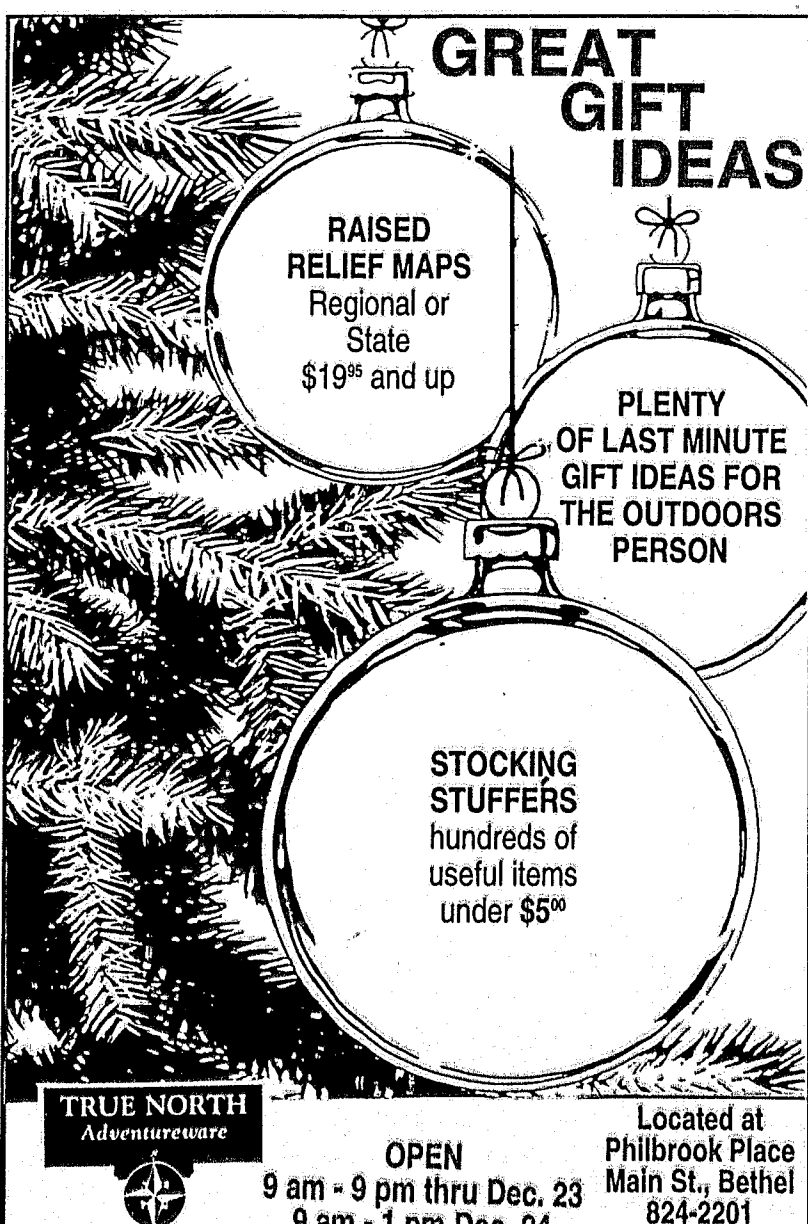
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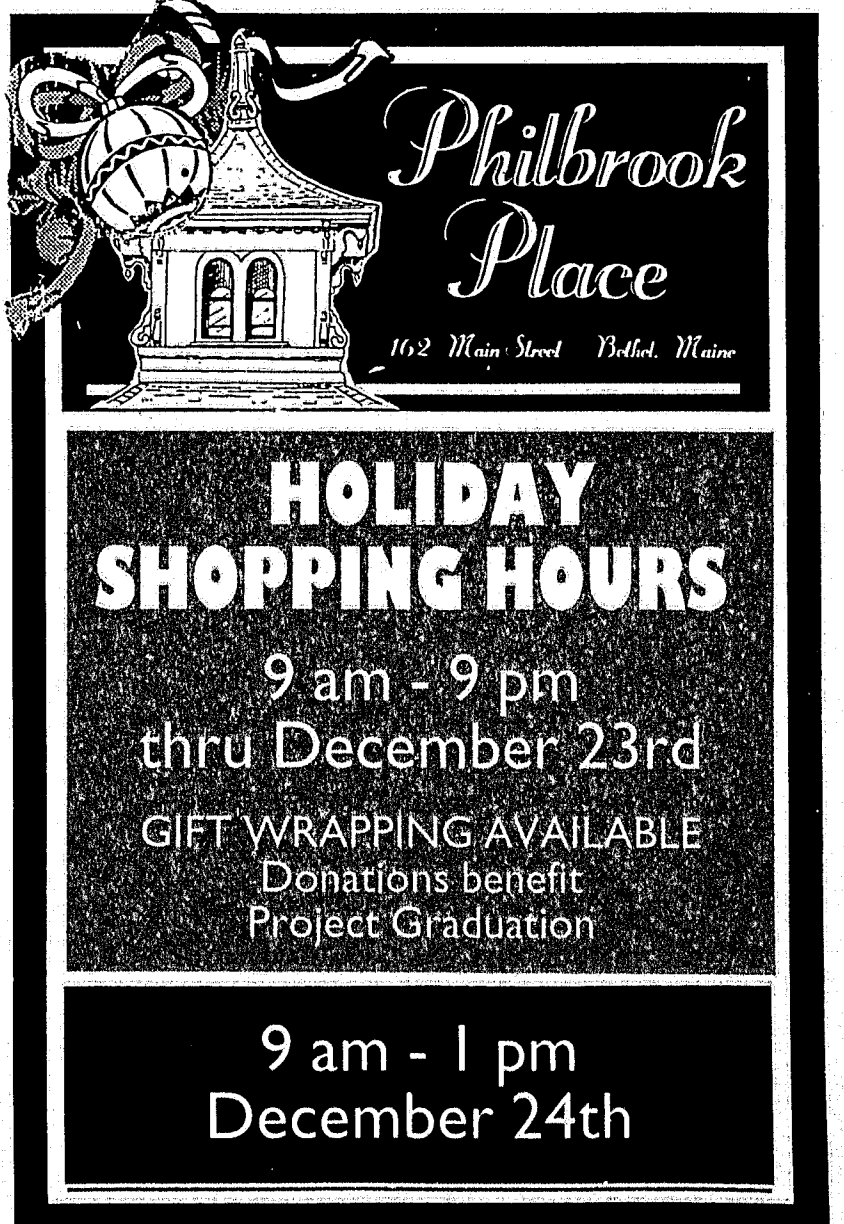
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Arlene Brown & Ginny Keniston Let's remember "Joe" Roderick with a card shower in celebration of his 90th birthday (Dec. 24). His address: Ledgeview Nursing Home, West Paris, ME 04289.

Andrea Hutchins, daughter of Mark and Pamela Hutchins and granddaughter of Dana and Barbara Douglass and Lee and Virginia Hutchins, was named a Charles A. Davis Scholar for the 1997-98 academic year at Colby College. Hutchins was one of 17 Colby students to receive a scholarship through the Charles A. Davis Foundation. She is a graduate of Merrimack Valley High School and is majoring in psychology at Colby.

Many relatives and friends gathered at Stan Howe's home on Broad Street Saturday afternoon to help Rodney Howe celebrate his 80th birthday. Greg and Sandy Howe of Severn, Md., and Jack and Kathy Hart and family of Bangor were here for the party. Also attending from out of town were Al and Doris Chiaradonna of North Reading, Mass.

Ada Cummings entertained 16 members of Amy Davis' aquacise group at a luncheon on Monday. Don't forget the Living Nativity will be performed next Sunday, Dec. 21, at 5 p.m. on the Common.

Danna Nickerson was the guest of honor at a birthday dinner at the home of her mother, Mrs. Don Brown, on Sunday. After dinner everyone helped trim the Christmas tree and put up decorations. Those present were Danna, George, Kate, and Evelyn Nickerson, Clint Wakefield, Kurt, Tammy and Arlene Brown.

Fannie Cummings has been ill. She was in the hospital a few days and a nursing home. At present she is with her granddaughter, Dorothy West, at 399 South Rumford Road, Rumford 04276.

Amy Davis entertained Thanksgiving Day and weekend Andy Davis and family of North Berwick, Betsy Retallick and family of Beverly, Mass., and Mike Davis and family of Norway.

The Telstar High School Chorus and Ensemble presented "A Holiday Portrait" on Tuesday, Dec.

10, directed by Kathy Burke. It was beautiful. Not only the beautiful, sweet voices, but an unusually nice setting on stage. The group of students worked so well together to make happen this lovely musical program. The attendance was good but more people need to support our Music Department. Music is so necessary in our lives.

The Methodist Church will meet Sunday, 9 to 9:45 a.m., for all to come and wish one another Merry Christmas over coffee and Christmas bread before the 10 a.m. Worship Service, which will center around gathering of families.

Cross Country Quilters met Tuesday for a potluck luncheon at the home of Mabel Kennett.

Sarah and Randal Stevens had a blue grosbeak visit their bird feeder this past week. He is not native to this area. He's supposed to be wintering in South America -- he usually comes north to Maryland.

Julia Brown is a patient at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway.

The Bethel House

By RUTH CUMMINGS

Paul Bartlett took his mother, Helena, to the doctor in Norway one day last week.

Vada Glover visited Ruth Cummings at the Bethel House Tuesday of last week. They went to Walmart, had dinner at Shaner's, and when at Ruth's played cribbage. Vada is ahead now by two games.

Nancy Cummings visited her sister-in-law, Ruth Cummings, on Wednesday of last week.

Buzzy Lapham and Frances Whitman were in Lewiston one day last week.

Residents of the Bethel House were given a Christmas Party last Friday by some folks from Coastal Management. There was a lovely meal of ham, turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce and lots of other food. There was also a tree with exchange of gifts. Those present from Portland were Jean Palanza, Don Robinson and K.C. Denton. Others present were Pauline and Lindley Wieden, Ruth Silver, Rebecca Ricker, Elsie Douglass, Duane Winslow, Vivian Chase, Carolyn Chase, Raymond Swan, Everett Cole, Helena Bartlett, Frances Whitman, Irene Russell,

and Ruth Cummings.

Rudy and Joann Royer of Sunday River hosted a Christmas party for folks from the Bethel Alliance Church Friday evening, Dec. 12. There was a tree and exchange of gifts, games were played and refreshments enjoyed. Those present: Rev. Rick and Peggy Mowery, Drew and Judy Webster, Shane and Emily Clarke and baby Annie Margaret, Doug and Celia Hoy, Skip and Jen Bennett, Don and Roberta Morin, Andrea Bennett, Ann Roy, Lisa Pivin, Valerie Elmore, Cindy Millett and Ruth Cummings. Many thanks to Rudy and Joann for the lovely time everyone had.

The lighting of the third Advent Candle took place Sunday at the Bethel Alliance Church. The Rev. Mowery's message: "The Shepherd's Transformation." Tracy Gibbs had a special Ministry in Music. The hymns were: "While Shepherds Kept Their Watch," "How Great our Joy," "Go Tell it on the Mountain," "The First Noel," "Doxology," and "Since Jesus Came into my Heart."

The Mowerys held open house Sunday afternoon for their church family at the parsonage at 119 Vernon Street.

Irene Russell spent last Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gagnon and Nicole in Cumberland Center.

East Bethel

by Nancy Mercer



Floribel Haines will celebrate a birthday on Dec. 24. She is at Ledgeview Nursing Home, West Paris, ME 04289. Floribel will be a youthful 94 and still doing very well, getting around and doing many things.

Polly Smith has been doing well and has been home for two weeks. She now gets Meals on Wheels.

Nina Mollicone had a problem with a raccoon from Dec. 7 to 11. The animal screamed and howled for three days and nights and even got into the house through the cat door. Nina boarded up the cat door

and had the animal control officer put a live trap out Wednesday night. Thursday, the coon was dead in the trap. The officer did not have the animal tested for rabies as no human or pet had been bitten. It could have been distemper; the animal was sick. This is another reason everyone should have their animals vaccinated for distemper and rabies.

Stan and Esther Wilson were in Portland visiting the grandchildren on Dec. 14.

Louise and Roger Twichell attended the Senior Citizens Christmas party at the Bethel Inn on Dec. 10. This was an evening meeting.

Rodney Howe celebrated his 80th birthday at Stanley Howe's home on Dec. 13. A lot of people from East Bethel attended as Rodney had lived in East Bethel for many years before he moved to Middle Intervale.

Mary Bean and Arthur Hertell had a delicious lasagna supper on Dec. 13 at Peter Haines' home.

Pam Wojtyasiak of Westbrook visited Mary Bean on Dec. 14. She stopped at Ledgeview to visit Peggy Coolidge. Peggy is doing very well now.

Late news: what follows is some news from after Thanksgiving that was lost since Dec. 3 in the computers at The Citizen.

Chappie attended the chorus concert at Crescent School on Nov. 25.

The Chappies had company from Massachusetts for the Thanksgiving weekend. They all enjoyed a hayride down Main Street.

Stan and Esther Wilson had a dozen people to help enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner.

Clare Pławlock and Fawn Packard went to Errol, N.H., for Thanksgiving dinner with Fawn Pławlock. The grandchildren were happy to see Clare.

Marilyn Mollicone of Augusta came on Nov. 26, Conrad and Carolyn Grant of Winterport and Alice Grant of Cape Elizabeth came on Nov. 28 to visit Leslie Noyes and Nina Mollicone. All returned home on Nov. 30.

Craig and Carrie Aube and Conner of Portland, Jill From U.M.F. and Wendy Belling all had dinner with Neil and Linda Olson on Nov. 27.

Linda Olson and Wendy Belling went to Portland on Nov. 28 for an overnight shopping trip.

Jack and Lucy Nordahl's daughter, Ellen, and her children, Keaton and Milo, from Massachusetts had Thanksgiving dinner with them.

Brandon Moore had dinner with his girlfriend on Nov. 27.

John and Penny Kittredge had Thanksgiving dinner with his parents in Whitefield.

Paul and Charlotte Kimball have a new granddaughter, born on Nov. 28, daughter of Jim and Laurie Kimball of West Paris.

Bruce and Velora Tuominen and children of North Norway and Jim's daughter, Mariah, had Thanksgiving dinner with Paul and Charlotte Kimball on Nov. 28.

Dana and Millie Jackson had dinner with Dana's niece on Thanksgiving Day.

Peter and Elsie Seames of Locke Mills and Peter and Cindy Seames of Oxford had dinner with Diana Howe and family on Nov. 27.

Bob and Gertrude Hinkley had all their children and grandchildren come for Thanksgiving dinner.

Peter Haines and Nancy Mercer had Thanksgiving with George and Charlene Haines and family.

Arlene Harrington had Thanksgiving dinner with Dori Hallman and family. She came back on Nov. 30.

Arlene Harrington has a new great-grandson, born on Nov. 29. This boy is Gloria Crockett's first grandchild.

Danny Grover, son of Douglas and Bertha Grover, has had hip surgery in Boston recently. Jean Grover has cared for their other children while Douglas and Bertha were with Danny.

Jean Grover had Thanksgiving dinner with her mother in Waterford.

Albert Foster had dinner with Jo Bowden and family in Dixfield on Nov. 27. There were 17 family members for dinner.

On Nov. 30, Albert Foster had another Thanksgiving dinner with his sister, Grace Smith, in Locke Mills.

Ken and Laurie Crockett were in Laconia, N.H., for Thanksgiving weekend with Stephanie and Ben Bolan and children, Matt and Tyler.

George and Barbara Bethel and son George went to Westbrook for dinner with Debbie on Nov. 27.

Mary Bean, Elaine Bean and Arthur Hertell had Thanksgiving with Stephen and Pam Wojtyasiak in Westbrook.

Peggy Coolidge is doing very well.

Jerry Bernier was home from Maine Maritime and his girlfriend Michelle McGaness of Bryant Pond, Danielle and her friend Ivan Ryan and his fiancée, Shilla from South Carolina and friend Tom Larry and Geneva Pelletier of Manchester, N.H., with their son Chad, and his friend, Nickie and son Jody, and his friend, Debbie and Faye Kimball all had Thanksgiving dinner.

Richard and Pat Kimball, son Ceylon and a friend from Huntington, W. Va., had dinner with Penny and Keith Savage and family in Bryant Pond on Nov. 27. On the 28th they all went to the Maine Mall to do some Christmas shopping. The mall was a busy place.

Jarred Crockett was home from Virginia for Thanksgiving.

South Woodstock

by Andrea Wing



Notice: I am not sending Christmas cards this year. Instead I'm donating what I'd spend on

cards and postage to the animal shelter. This is one cause I feel for as I love animals. Merry Christmas to everyone from the Wing family.

We were sorry to hear of the snowmobile accident involving Paul Benson. Paul broke his leg and will be laid up for a while. Hope he improves daily and is on his feet soon.

Carol Corriveau and I made a trip to Lewiston last Friday. I had two doctor's appointments in the city and Carol came along to keep me company. We went to the Chick-A-Dee for lunch and had a wonderful time visiting. While at the restaurant we met Doug and Patty Stevens, who were out for the day.

My grandson, Ryan Wing, is coming home from Spain for a while. He is supposed to arrive here today, Thursday. He plans to return sometime in the future.

Larry Billings, curator, Woodstock Historical Society, reports that he has given the museum a book on "Decorating Flowers." He also has built up the museum's collection of cookbooks. Mr. Billings also has given the society an Indian figurine of Princess Molly Ockett. The society museum is a storehouse for Woodstock's treasures. Everyone can enjoy them there.

Quote of the week: I've learned that there is a great feeling of satisfaction in checking off the final item on my "Things to do today" list."

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West Bethel



by Karen Jordan

Since I could walk I've had an obsession with hammers and other tools. I suppose when your father is a carpenter, you become familiar with the tools of his trade, at least I did. Dad built a porch on the front of the house one summer, and I remember spending hours holding nails and getting claps on the back for the length he had to cover. I watched as his huge, calloused hands juggled 2 by 6's as carefully as they picked up the daintiest of finish nails. When my dad was home I enjoyed getting away from the housework that girls were supposed to do and would make myself indispensable to daddy and his projects.

I grew up in the old farm they called the "Walker Place" about a mile out on the Flat Road. This house was very old and in need of much repair. The tools I became the most familiar with were the crosscut hand saw and the claw hammer. Hammers come in different weights — 12-ounce, 16-ounce, 20- and 24-ounce, to name only a few. Dad used a 20-ounce for all kinds of work. "It can sink a nail faster with less effort than a smaller or larger one." I use a 26-ounce because my muscles and hands are smaller.

When we built our outdoor fireplace dad used a masonry hammer to remove old mortar from the used brick and to score and break a brick for the right size for building the fireplace. I thought dad was a magician the way he held the brick and carefully struck it to make the rough mortar easily fall away. I remember how patient he was as he explained how to hold and use the hammer. He always took time to teach me how tools worked and the safety issues surrounding the use of many things.

After graduating from high school, I worked on a few jobs with dad and Norm Hale. Norm was a great man who thought women should not be doing men's work. We were framing up a wall of a cottage at Kezar Lake and dad decided he would teach me how to run a skillsaw so I could finish framing in the window. Norm didn't approve at first and asked my dad what would happen if I cut the lumber wrong, and my dad said, "the same thing that happens when you or I make a mistake, we do it again the right way." I was terrified of the saw but would not let on to Norm or dad because I felt I had to prove myself. I measured and cut and pounded nails

all day and could barely move my girlish arms by day's end, but I was proud of my work and so was Norm. I have hammers all over my house. I just found one on top of a box of things that is headed for the attic. Yesterday, I found one in the top drawer beside my kitchen stove. They come in so handy. I have often threatened to write a book and title it, "I Can Do Anything With a Hammer." When I want to cool a cake, I don't get a cooling rack, I get a hammer. Hammers make good door stops and hold open a double-hung window beautifully. Hammers hold encyclopedias open so you can read and type at the same time. Don't buy fancy paperweights, just get out the tack hammer; it will do the job.

When my son Stephen was small he loved hammers, too. My mother would take huge spikes and place them securely in the sand and watch as Steve pounded the spikes into the earth one at a time until all of them were down. This would go on for hours because mother would keep pulling the spikes up again. One year when we were setting up at Fryeburg Fair we had a crew of six or seven men putting up the 30-by-60-foot booth. We stopped for lunch and began to share stories about losing tools and every one of the workers had misplaced their hammer. My mother, being the world's best problem-solver, realized there was a pattern in the hammer stories and began to question all involved in the "great hammer mystery." Stephen was barely toddling around and speaking a few simple words. It seems that every time Stephen found a hammer lying about he picked it up and put it in a safe place. Mother finally found the answer to the hammer dilemma and Stephen proudly showed her where he had stashed his covey of sacred tools.

Andover



by Karen McKay

The local drop-off point for the "Coats for Kids" is the All Season's Cafe. If your child has outgrown last year's jacket and it is still in good shape, please donate it to a less fortunate child. For more information, please call 392-1966 or Ann at 392-1100.

Nomination papers are now available at the Town Office. The posi-

tions to be filled this year are: selectman, three-year term; school board member, three-year term; and a school board member for a one-year term. The Town Office will be adjusting their hours for Dec. 24; they will be open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The offices will be closed Dec. 26.

The Andover Library will host Wendy Green's Children's Christmas Special on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 18, from 2:30 to 3:30. Children of all ages are invited, please bring cookies. The teens meet Thursday evening at 6:15 for their monthly video. The adult book discussion will also be held that night beginning at 6:30. The winner's name of the Gingerbread House raffle will be drawn on Saturday, the 20th.

All are invited to join in the Christmas caroling fun on Friday, the 19th. A group will meet at the library at 6 p.m. and proceed from there, visiting locals with carols and cookies.

The Calvary Congregational Church choir will present a Christmas Cantata entitled, "A Night to Remember," on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 6:30 p.m. Their Christmas Eve service will be held on the 24th beginning at 6 p.m.

The First Congregational Church invites all to the Christmas Eve service beginning at 7 p.m. on the 24th. The service will be followed by a fellowship reception hosted by the Pastor.

The East Andover Community Club met on Dec. 8 with Lorena Simmons, Marge Stinson was co-hostess. Fifteen members and one guest attended. Edna White, a former member, accompanied the group singing Christmas carols. A business meeting was held following lunch. The cookbook project was a success. Only 27 cookbooks remain to be sold; contact Barbara at 392-2581 if interested. The annual cash donations will be made to the local Sunday schools. Many cards had been sent out by the secretary. Dues for 1998 were paid and hostesses were scheduled for 1998 meetings. It was noted that this upcoming year will be the 60th anniversary for the club. Dolly Jones was the door prize winner. Mystery Sisters were revealed, with a gift, and new names were drawn. Officers for the upcoming two years were elected: president, Barbara Meisner; first vice president, Betty Moore; second vice president, Lorena Simmons; secretary, Dottie Arsenault; and treasurer, Violet

Swain. Reports for the 1997 year will be read at the Feb. 9 meeting at the home of Barbara Meisner.

Congratulations to Michael and Patty Bryant of Manchester, N.H., for the birth of their first child, a son, Garrison Michael. Garrison was born on Dec. 3 at Elliot Hospital in Manchester; he weighed 8 pounds, 13.5 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Colleen and Charlie Jaros of Andover. Paternal grandparents are Pat and Craig Bryant of Rumford. Great-grandparents Merle and Juanita Knox reside in East Peru.

Get well wishes to Montgomery Merryman. Also to former resident Charlotte Sennett who was hospitalized. Wishing Jeanette Chenery, who was a patient at Rumford Community Hospital, a speedy recovery. Get well wishes to Jane Reed, who slipped on the ice and suffered a broken ankle.

East Stoneham



by Eleanor Nelson

On Saturday, Dec. 6, the Knight Riders Snowmobile Booster Club had a good turnout of members and ticket holders at a supper of ham and beans, salad, mashed potatoes, hot rolls and all kinds of desserts at the Stoneham Fire Station meeting room. I think there were about 65 people there.

On Dec. 8, Albert and Eleanor Nelson visited their Aunt Jo and Uncle Roland McAllister and Uncle Willis Learned, who is also a patient, at the Ledgeview Nursing Home in West Paris. It was a good visit.

Tuesday, Dec. 9, the Knight Riders Snowmobile Club held their annual potluck supper, meeting and Christmas tree with exchange of gifts. This is always a fun time. There were about 16 people there. Where are all the other members?

People are getting their lights and decorations up and it's beginning to look more like Christmas.

Albert Nelson Sr. has just had a load of log-length wood delivered, so he'll be happy for a while to be working on that. He finds it to be too cold right now, though.

Troy Nelson has just moved into the Gladys Kilgore house. We called on him Sunday and he is just getting settled in. Good luck, Troy.

Albert Nelson Jr. is coming along good on his new "pole barn." This is to keep his machinery and equipment under cover.

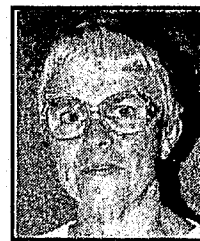
Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends of Dick Andrews who passed away recently. I shall miss seeing him at church and gatherings.

The Stoneham Community potluck supper and Christmas tree is planned for Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. at the East Stoneham Church. Everybody is welcome whether they go to church here or not, and bring the children. Santa Claus will probably be there before the evening is over. In fact, I'm quite sure he will be there.

Also, the Christmas Eve services will be held this year at the North Waterford Church at 5 p.m. Again, this is for everyone and anyone. A lot of work goes into these programs. Let's support them.

A reminder: the Knight Riders Snowmobile Club House will be open beginning Jan. 3 on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The annual sliding party is Jan. 3 at the home of Earl and Jean Littlefield. Everyone welcome. After sliding there will be a potluck supper at 5 p.m., for members, at Eben and Alice Harmon's camp nearby.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Thank you to all those who helped raise more than \$800 for the Whitman Memorial Library. A

special thanks to those who donated baked goods and craft items. Annie Crockett donated a lovely patchwork quilt. Chances for the quilt are available at the Town Office, one for \$2, or three for \$5. The drawing will be Dec. 22 at the Town Office.

Judith Grover Tent 17 Daughters

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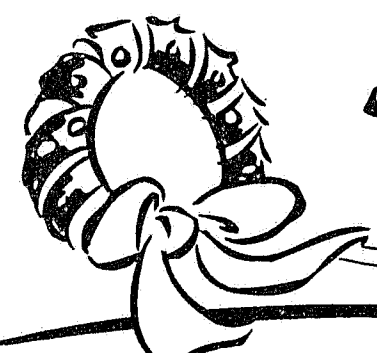


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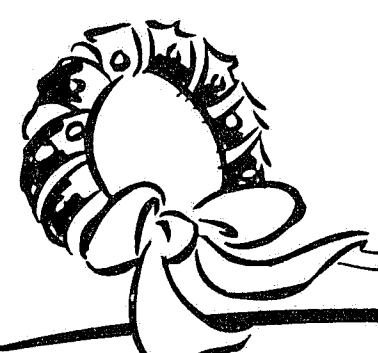
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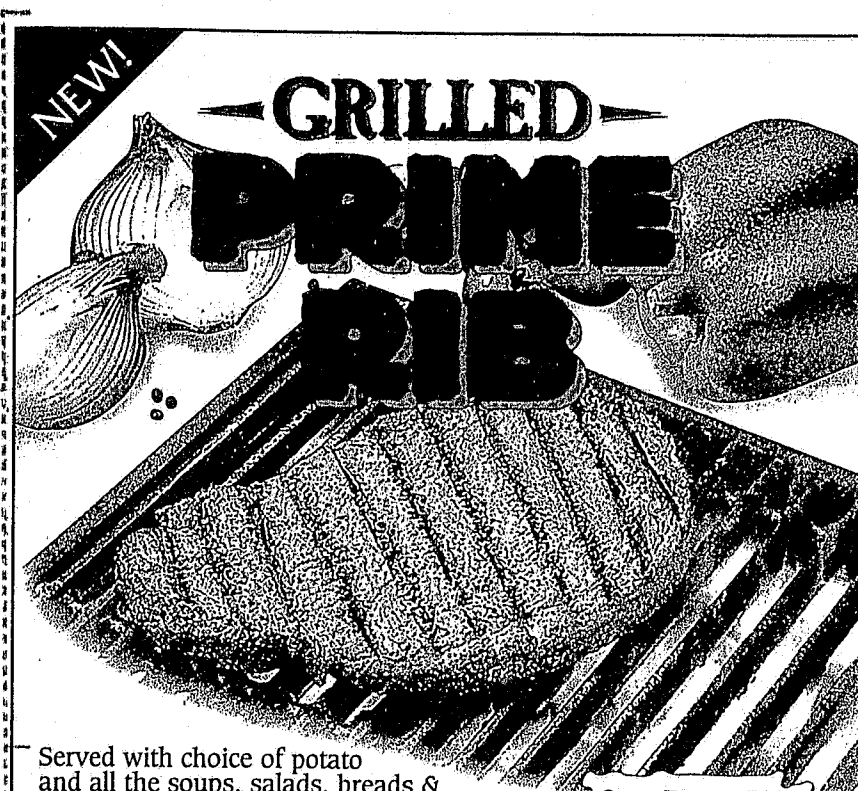
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David, Ray and Shawn, Jim, Maggie and Joseph, Lauretta and Kellie Sanborn, Kaye and Reginald Glines, Bea Farnum, Alice and Ken.

The Firemen held a supper on Wednesday evening, with around 19 attending.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met last Thursday at the Legion Hall for a meeting and Christmas party with 36 present. A delicious lunch was served by the Legion Auxiliary. New officers are: president, Alice Hoyt; vice president, Cecile Lescault; secretary, Barbara Hathaway; and treasurer, Wilma Day.

North Newry

by Gil Seeley
Call to worship was held at the Newry Community Church on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 9 a.m. with Pastor Rodney Hanscom at the pulpit and daughter Nancy at the organ. The message of the day was, "A day of Reckoning," from Hosea 13:14: "I will ransom them from

the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death; O death, I will be thy plague, O grave, I will be thy destruction, repentance shall be hid from mine eyes."

The Newry Mothers Club met Monday night, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck supper and exchange of gifts. There were 10 members present. A meeting followed, and the mystery prize was won by Olive Anderson, the secretary-treasurer, who also brought the finances up to date, reported on sending cards to the shut-ins, etc. A discussion was held on what to plan during next month, like a public supper of beef stew and corn chowder, and other activities for next summer. There was an elephant sale during the social hour. Refreshment committee for next meeting (Jan. 12) will be Brenda Bartholomew and Sylvia Wight. Happy birthday to Patty Lowell.

Joan Bartlett's daughter, Chelsey, was in the Christmas in the Valley parade in Rumford and Mexico recently; she represented Me Kennels Animal Adoption Agency. She had her dog Kasper and two other dogs and two ponies, who wore antlers, halos, garlands and bells. Chelsey is also in the Reach Out and Rug Rat Ski program at Gould Academy.

Bill and Sylvia Wight were at the "Raapa 'tis the Season" festivities at the Muskie Auditorium on Dec. 6-7 for the concert. They said it

was wonderful. There was singing by the audience, the nativity and more singing -- it lasted hours and hours.

Sylvia Gray was surprised Wednesday, the 10th, with ice cream and cake. Helping her celebrate her birthday were Beth Bean, Karlene Bachelder and Gil Seeley.

"Christmas is coming, Christmas is coming. The whole Christian World prostrates itself in adoration around the crib of Bethlehem and rehearses in accents of love and history which precedes all time and will endure throughout eternity, as if by an instinct of our higher spiritual nature, there well up from the depths of our hearts, emotions which challenge the power of human expression, we seem to be lifted out of the sphere of natural endeavor to put on a new life and to stretch forward in desire to a blessedness which, though not felt, is eminently real."

Songo Pond

by Alice Kimball
I spent Thanks giving Day and the next two weeks with the Bean-Turner family in Otisfield, returning home late Wednesday. Last Sunday afternoon, we

attended the musical performance at the Norway Second Congregational Church, "Christmas in a Small Town" -- "Where is Christmas?" "Christmas is in the heart."

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Awall of Augusta came up Wednesday bringing their dinner and spent the day with her mother Mrs. Elmira Doyen.

A skiing family has moved a trailer home on to the lot they recently purchased on Rt. 5 between here and town.

When you are right, nobody remembers, but when you are wrong, nobody forgets.

Library. The program is called "Our Feathered Friends," which will encourage them to learn about the feeding habits of birds. They will make and take something home for treats for the birds.

We attended the "Christmas in a Small Town" production which was exceptional as usual. On Dec. 21, the monthly meeting of the Finnish American Society

will be held. They will be observing Finland's 80th year of independence. There will be Christmas caroling and exchange of gifts.

The annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 6 p.m. at the Universalist Church.

Forward Fellowship will meet at the home of Dixie and Gregg Inman on Monday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. After the meeting a Christmas gift exchange will be held. Refreshments to follow; they are always good and calorie-less.

Greenwood City

by Colista Morgan
This week I discovered one of "The Bethel Citizens" dated Aug. 3, 1931, so of course I had to sit down and read it. I found pictures of many people I once knew when I was going to Gould Academy. It was a special edition, so contained many familiar places which were there when I was. A few of them were: residence of Herman Mason, Gould campus, mill of H.F. Thurston and Son, Birchmont Farm, Tea Room of Farwell and Wight, and many more. The last listed here brought many memories to me and I'm sure to many other Gould students. I

can't write much of what I enjoyed but it was interesting.

I close with this "Wanted" which brought a chuckle: A laboring man to work at Philbrook farm who wears out his shoes before the seat of his trousers. Mrs. J.M. Philbrook

Locke Mills

by Lorraine Larson
Joe and Gerry Shimamura and I were in Wilton Sunday to attend the funeral of the Rev. Barbara

Huse, as were the Revs. John and Debbie Grant. After the funeral Joe and Gerry took me out for a birthday dinner. The Revs. John and Debbie had to return to Bethel as they had a rehearsal scheduled for a Christmas cantata that evening.

Speaking of the Grants, Andy and I attended a surprise 25th wedding anniversary party for them Saturday evening. Their children, Stephanie and Crystal, put it on for them. Their anniversary was actually on Tuesday but they had plans for that day.

Ann Fitzmorris and I were in the Norway area Christmas shopping Tuesday. We met up with several others from Locke Mills. It is that time of year.

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School sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Livermore Falls 57, Telstar 53, Dec. 15--Jason Mullen scored 16 points and Matt Lawrence 11 in a loss to Livermore Falls.

Georges Valley 61, Telstar 46, Dec. 13--Jason Mullen had 16 points for Telstar in a loss to Georges Valley. Other scorers: Matt Lawrence (11); Jeremy Curley (8); Alan Russell (6); Jason Rosenberg (5); Ross Baker (2).

Kents Hill 54, Gould 44, Dec. 13--A Gould rally in the fourth quarter cut Kents Hill's lead at one time to three points, but Kents Hill prevailed in the end. Henry Fasoldt scored 17 points for Gould, followed by Caleb Davis with 10 and Tate Lacey with seven.

East Gate 66, Gould 55, Dec. 10--Gould put forth an excellent effort in the fourth quarter to make it a close, exciting game, but could not catch East Gate. Henry Fasoldt was Gould's top scorer with 15 points, followed by Tate Lacey with 13 and Mike Johnson with 11. Caleb Davis and Josh Gray scored eight points each.

High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Telstar 58, Livermore Falls 57, Dec. 15--Ross Baker and Spencer Glover each had 16 points in a win over Livermore Falls.

Telstar 52, Georges Valley 40, Dec. 13--Keir Simmons scored 12 points as Telstar defeated Georges Valley.

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Hall-Dale 34, Telstar 32, Dec. 16--Emily Phillips had 14 points and Mandy Berry had six points and 12 rebounds in a loss to Hall-Dale.

Gould 56, Kents Hill 21, Dec. 13--The women of Gould broke their long streak of losses with a big win over Kent's Hill. The women were strong in all aspects of the game, with rebounding by Damaris Drummond and Michelle Dumont. Strong defense by Alex Greenberg opened up the game for Jess Sherman to toss in a total of 38 points. Newcomer Leigh Woodbury, broke into the scoring with her first basket and assisted with ball handling. Rose Squires and Molly Marancik gave strong performances from the bench.

Jay 78, Telstar 17, Dec. 12--Mandy Berry had six points as Telstar lost to Jay. Other Rebel scorers: Emily Phillips (4); Erin Osgood (2); Jen Walker (2); Kristina Burgi (2); Alisha Mielon (1). Berry had 16 rebounds, three steals and one assist. "Jay is an outstanding team that has lost only twice in the last year," said coach Ray Seames. "They shot 85 percent from the floor and went 10 for 14 from the line."

M. S. Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 58, Livermore Falls 42, Dec. 10--Kaleb Durgin led all scoring with 19 points and Wade Osgood had 13 as the Rebels beat Livermore Falls. Matt Newell had seven rebounds, and David Ojeda had good defense and great hustle. "The team had a lot of spirit and worked great together to win the game," said coach Tim O'Connor.

M. S. Boys' J.V. Basketball

Telstar 45, Livermore Falls 33, Dec. 10--Gavin Palmer, Kane Olson and Jordi Walker each had 10 points to lead Telstar to a win over Livermore Falls. Coach Steve Keane said Olson played strong defense, and Kinsey Durgin showed great leadership on the court. The team also used a tough zone press against the Lions.

M. S. Girls' Varsity Basketball

Berlin 27, Telstar 22, Dec. 12--Mariah Seames scored 13 points and Lauren Hart had four in a loss to Berlin. Abby Gilbert had nine rebounds, Lauren Hart seven and Rebecca Swan six. Kelly Rosenberg played a strong defensive

game. "We were down by 14 in the second half and made a great comeback late in the fourth quarter, but came up short," said coach Kelly Dole.

Livermore Falls 37, Telstar 25, Dec. 10--Mariah Seames had 11 points and Lauren Hart five in a loss to Livermore Falls. Hart and Anna Willard had six rebounds each, and Seames had five steals. "Anna Willard and Lauren Hart showed great hustle in the second half," said coach Kelly Dole. "We improve each day. Livermore Falls is always strong, and I thought we did some good things on the court."

M. S. Girls' J.V. Basketball

Berlin 39, Telstar 6, Dec. 12--Amanda Dunham, Sasha Fritz and Andrea Hinkley each had two points in a loss to Berlin. Fritz and Katey Caddigan were Telstar's leading rebounders. "Tanya Knox and Mary Lawrence showed great hustle on defense," said coach Mary Richardson.

Livermore Falls 23, Telstar 14, Dec. 10--Krystle Gould had six points; Sheri Curley four and Sasha Fritz and Chelsi Noyes two each as Telstar lost to Livermore Falls. Katey Caddigan had seven rebounds and Chelsi Noyes, Alanna Borst and Courtney Blake two each. The Rebels outscored the Andies 10 to two in the second half. "Kandice Berryment and Casey Gammon showed great defensive hustle," said coach Mary Richardson.

Boys' Eastern Alpine Skiing

Dec. 15--Gould/Sunday River racers Zack Lambert, Anthony Colby and Sean Sullivan took third, fifth and sixth places, respectively, in Monday's giant slalom at Attitash. Tylan Calcagni placed 10th.

Girls' Eastern Alpine Skiing

Dec. 15--GSR racers took four of the top six overall places. Evan Cardova and Jana Husarova placed second and third, respectively, with Caroline Riss placing fourth and Christa Goodman, sixth. Freshman Jodi Curry took the top spot among J2s and placed 13th overall.



school lunch menu

WEEK OF DECEMBER 22

SAD44 Breakfast Program

Monday: Cereal breakfast.
Tuesday: Cereal breakfast or bagel, cream cheese or jelly, fruit juice, milk variety.
Wednesday: Vacation.
Thursday: Vacation.
Friday: Vacation.

SAD44 Lunch Program

Monday: Hamburger on bun or hot dog and roll, veggie bar, fruit bar, potato chips, milk variety.
Tuesday: Strawberry and pineapple cup, French toast sticks, syrup, orange juice, three sausage links, milk variety.
Wednesday: Vacation.
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Tuesday: Baked ham steak with fluffy mashed potato, pineapple tidbits, dessert surprise, milk.
Wednesday: Vacation.
Thursday: Vacation.
Friday: Vacation.

Oxford Hills Middle School

Lunch Program

Monday: Chicken patty, potato wedges, tomato slices.
Tuesday: Hot ham and cheese on bun, hot pasta, celery sticks w/dressing.
Wednesday: Vacation.
Thursday: Vacation.
Friday: Vacation.

NOTES FROM

Adult Education

SAD44 Adult Education, in cooperation with the Oxford Hills SCORE Chapter, has scheduled a series of Small Business workshops in business planning, marketing, cash flow projection and financing a small business. The series will run on Wednesday evenings from Jan. 14 to Feb. 4 at Telstar High School from 6:30 to 8:30. Presenters will include Paul Krinsky and Peter Hammond of SCORE for business planning; Jane Mickeriz and Susan MacMillan of AVCOG for marketing; Walter Riseman of Community Concepts for cash flow projection and financing a small business.

The cost for the series is \$40 per participant. A spouse or one partner may attend with the participant from a family business or partnership. The fee includes all materials. To register, call the SAD44 Adult Education office at 824-2780 or the SCORE office at 743-0499.

Interactive Television

The University of Maine courses offered over Interactive Television at the Telstar High School site will begin the week of Jan. 12 and continue through early May. The spring term selection includes 90 different courses from selections appropriate for the first-time college student to graduate-level courses. All classes are received live as they are happening on a University of Maine System campus and students at the extended sites communicate with the instructor and fellow students by telephone. The system also makes use of computers for communication and research, and for delivery of actual classes in some cases. All classes are taped, allowing students to review or make up a missed class. Complete course guides are available at the Adult Education office at Telstar and registration is ongoing through the first week of classes.

Agnes Gray School



by Marta Clements

In addition to our own Christmas concert, grades K-six, will be attending the Christmas Concert at Oxford Hills High Comprehensive High School. This in itself is a learning experience for our students, and is always enjoyable.

Classroom Christmas parties are being planned for Monday, Dec. 22. All classes will be exchanging gifts and enjoying Christmas treats. If the 22nd is a storm day, the parties will be held on the 23rd.

The children are also thinking of others and are bringing in pennies, bottles and cans. The final amount will be donated for Christmas for Kids. Donations will be accepted right up until school closes for vacation.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, will be the first Parent Volunteer meeting of the new year. Come and be a part of

what goes on at our school.

The first-graders have seen Santa right here in West Paris, and they have made some beautiful decorations for their classroom. The second and third-graders are working together in writing. The fourth-graders are working hard to master their multiplication facts and are working in groups doing reports on the New England states. My fifth-graders have just presented oral reports on early Indian tribes. They also did an excellent job on their latest book report. They read "The Kid In The Red Jacket," and had to tell me what was funny and what was serious in the story. They also had to explain why it was serious. The sixth-graders are still learning about Ancient Egypt in social studies, and are working on multiplying and dividing decimals. They are learning how to use the word processor to bring their writings to final copy.

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The 1997 Bethel Historical Society Annual Fund Campaign has passed the \$8,600 level from 306 donors. Among the most recent contributors are Lois Kilroy, Bethel; Frances Saunders, Bethel, in memory of Wallace Saunders; F. Harvey Bennett, Mayfield, N.Y.; Roy E. Kilgore, Guadalupe, Calif.; Marvin and Tineke Ouwinga, Bethel; Vernon Ingraham, Wareham, Mass.; Robert and Bethia Newmarker, Tolland, Conn.; James B. Owen, Bethel; Eric and Lucia Schwarz, Bethel, in honor of Polly and Robert Davis' Golden Wedding Anniversary; Barbara and Rudy Honkala, Bethel; H. Merrill Luthé, Portland; Colwyn and Judith Haskell, Bethel; Joann Mooney, London, UK, in honor of Josephine Kendall; Marilyn Parker, Milford, Conn., in memory of Guy Parker. Much appreciation is due all of the above for their generosity.

A new book, "The Most Beautiful Villages of New England," has just been published by Thames and Hudson and includes photos of Bethel. Photographed by Len Rubenstein with text by Tom Shachman, the section on Bethel includes photos of the Bethel Inn, the Bethel Library sign, the Chadbourne land near the top of Paradise looking at the landscape across from the home of Margaret Joy Tibbets, the Elms of Bethel Inn, Mike O'Donnell's residence and law office on Main Street with lots of autumn leaves, the Raymond home on Broad Street, Jane Vogt working on the flowers at the corner of Main and Broad, and the gazebo on the Common (unfortunately reversed).

Tom Shachman visited the Bethel Historical Society's Eva Bean Research Room in 1995 and in the book gives the society much credit for assistance in his research. There are, however, a number of errors in the text, but the photographs are outstanding. Only three places in Maine were selected for inclusion in the book besides Bethel, all coastal -- Stonington, Castine and Monhegan. Anyone wishing to see this coffee table book is urged to visit the historical society during regular open hours, 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

December is membership month at the Bethel Historical Society. Gift memberships can be given with appropriate gift cards. Please call the society at 824-2908 or use our e-mail address (history@bdc.bethel.me.us) to ask for further information.

Don't forget the society's 20-percent-off sale on purchases \$10 or more, which continues until the end of the month.

Congratulations to three society life members who turned 80 on consecutive days this week: Gertrude Hutchins on Dec. 12, Rodney Howe on Dec. 13, and Willard Wight on Dec. 14.

From the

Bethel Area C. of C.

The chamber would like to thank the Bethel Inn & Country Club for hosting this year's annual Holiday Party and for arranging for the lovely wine tasting with Pine State. It was great to see so many folks out that evening.

This next weekend is the final weekend of the Bethel Country Christmas celebration. Please go for a hayride if you haven't yet. These have been very popular, a wonderful addition to the celebration. Many thanks to all the businesses who have made it possible and who have sponsored events during the celebration. The choir of the Bethel Alliance Church will be caroling in the Bethel village from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. Anyone wishing to sing with them is asked to meet at the Gazebo at 6 p.m. The Living Nativity is one of Bethel's wonderful traditions. This will be held on Sunday evening at 5 p.m. on the Common, Bethel Rotary Club's volunteers set up the manger scene and take it down each year -- many thanks to them.

The Bethel Winter Festival committee met on Wednesday morning to attend to some of the last-minute details pertaining to this Jan. 10 and 11 event. The festival brochure is enclosed in this week's paper. Please call L.L. Bean to register for this great weekend.

From the

Mundt-Allen Post/Aux.

Mundt-Allen Post 81 and Auxiliary held their monthly meeting on Dec. 9. This meeting was the annual Christmas party, where everyone enjoyed an excellent potluck supper, followed by a period of fellowship. This year, instead of a gift exchange, everyone brought "stocking stuffer" gifts for residents of the Maine Veterans Home in South Paris. Activities director at the home, Drew Lawrence, said he plans to fill and hang the stockings on Christmas Eve.

A number of Post 81 and Auxiliary members plan to go to the Veterans Home on Christmas Eve for some Christmas caroling and general fellowship with the residents. Anyone else who is free that evening and would like to join us is welcome. We plan to meet at the Bethel Legion Hall and leave at 6 p.m. for the Veteran's Home.

Hot News Tip? --Call 824-2444

From the

Bethel Senior Citizens

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Dec. 10 at the Bethel Inn for their Christmas party. A ham dinner was served to 86 members. The birthday cake, made by Hometown Bakery, was served with ice cream for dessert.

The blessing was given by Rudy Royer. The raffle, which was an Afghan made by Hope Tibbets, was won by Robert Davis. Connie Vautour read a poem entitled, "The Night After Christmas." Bert and Tillie Myers entertained the members with a humorous skit. They were assisted by Bud Leavitt, Cheryl Thibodeau, Claire Riendeau, Rudy Royer, Florence Briggs, Barbara Mahler.

Thank you cards from Polly Davis and Sarah and Ronald Stevens were read. Several Christmas carols were sung, with Edna York at the piano.

A big "Thank You" to Santa Claus who distributed gifts to everyone. December birthdays are: Marie Barker, Julia Brown, Musa Brown, Camilla Everett, Frances Farum, Bertha Foster, Richard Hosterman, Rodney Howe, Gertrude Hutchins, Melburn Hutchins, Ruby Judkins, Josephine Kendall, Lillian Machia, Mary Paine, Edith Rowe, Sarah Stevens, Ruel Swain, Edna York and Joe Gable. Next meeting is Jan. 14 at the Methodist Church.



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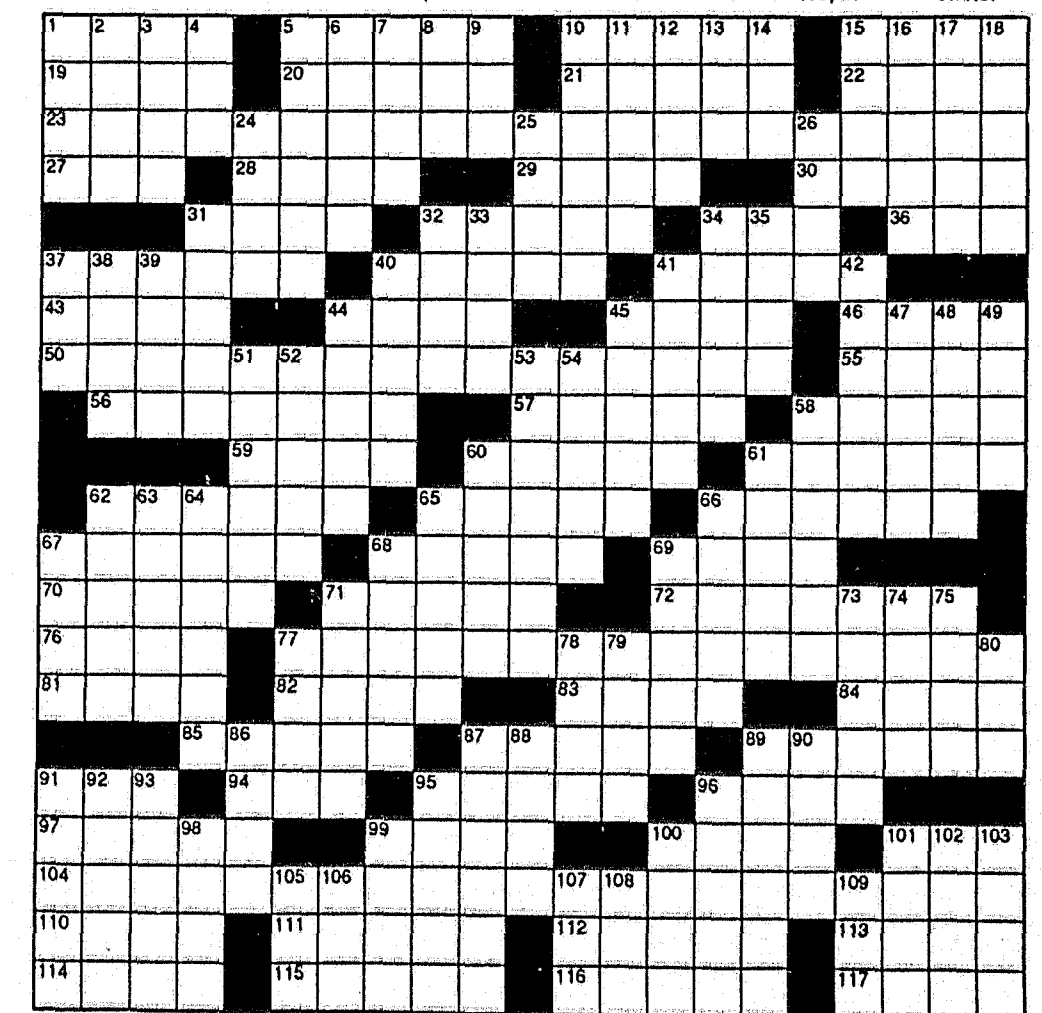
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9 Polly
10 Holiday, on "Alice"
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12 Linger close by
13 Verne's captain reverses himself?
13 Large, fancy marble
14 It's before shot or step
15 Bridge coup
16 Finance or Sebastian
17 Greek shopping mall?
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24 Barber's call
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33 Pay to play
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38 Leases one's property
39 Wild ox
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52 Fruit product
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54 Throws the dice
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THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 18, 1997									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
(3)	Seinfeld	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers					News	Frasier	Real TV
(32)	Waltons				Movie: "The Christmas List"			700 Club	
(6)	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Friends	Union	Seinfeld	Veronica's	ER	News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Nothing Sacred	Cracker		20/20		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer	Maine	Maine	Mystery!		Not In Our Town II	'Allo, 'Allo!		
(22)	Sportsctr.	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers					Up Close	Sportscenter	
(34)	Dukes of Hazzard	Alabama's Christmas	Prime Time Country				Today's Country	Dallas	
(13)	Frasier	Ent. Tonight	Promised Land	Diagnosis Murder			Dellaventura	News	
(41)	New England Tailgate	Boxing: Fight Time					Motorsports Hour	Celics	Pro Sports
(15)	Movie: "The Cable Guy"				Movie: "The Peacekeeper"			Tenacious	Inside the NFL
(17)	Jack Frost		Movie: "It Nearly Wasn't Christmas"		Movie: "The Christmas Star"				Walt Disney Presents
(18)	"That Thing You Do!"		Movie: "To Catch a Thief"				Movie: "The Ghost and the Darkness"		
(20)	Front Row	Baseball's Greatest Games: 1978 World Series					FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	
(44)	Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries			Movie: "On the Second Day of Christmas"			Homicide: Life	
(5)	Griffith	Griffith	Movie: "The Living Daylights"					The Spy Who Loved Me	
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Strange	HappyDay	WonderYr	WonderYr	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore	Taxi
(25)	Movie: "Wuthering Heights"				Movie: "Ocean's Eleven"				Movie: "The Black Swan"
(26)	Highlander: The Series	Walker, Texas Ranger			Movie: "The Empire Strikes Back"				Stalkings
(27)	Law & Order	Biography			Holiday at Pops!				Law & Order
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Coach	Sister, Sis.	Smart Guy	Wayans	Harvey	News		Beverly Hills, 90210
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Burden	Larry King Live		World Today	Sports Illus.	Moneyline

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 19, 1997									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Star Trek: Voyager		Sentinel		News	Cheers	Frasier
(32)	Waltons				Diagnosis Murder			Hawaii Five-0	700 Club
(6)	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Movie: "Home Alone"				Christmas in Washington		News
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Sabrina	Boy-World	Sabrina	Teen Angel	20/20		News
(10)	News-Lehrer	Wash. Wk.	Wall St.	Keeping Up	Brittas	Red Dwarf	Red Dwarf	'Allo, 'Allo!	
(22)	College Basketball: Princeton vs. Wake Forest				College Basketball: Jimmy V. Classic -- Clemson vs. Seton Hall			Sportsctr.	
(34)	Dukes of Hazzard	Opry Christmas	Stallar Bros.		Beach Country Christmas			Dallas	
(13)	Frasier	Ent. Tonight	Mickey's Christmas Carol	Fam. Mat.	Step-Step		Nash Bridges		News
(41)	Drag Racing: NHRA	Auto Racing: SportsCar WSC					New England Tailgate	Football	NBA Action
(15)	Inside the NFL	Comedy Hour			Boxing: Prince Naseem Hamed vs. Kevin Kelley				Spawn
(17)	Movie: "Honey, I Blew Up the Kid"	Better			Movie: "The Preacher's Wife"				Walt Disney Presents
(18)	"Hot Pursuit" Cont'd		Movie: "The Sunchaser"				Movie: "Eraser"		
(20)	Front Row	Fishing	Figure Skating: Skate Int'l Champions	Front Row			FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News
(44)	Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries			Movie: "Fight for Justice: The Nancy Conn Story"			Homicide: Life	
(5)	Griffith	Griffith	Movie: "Live and Let Die"				"The Man With the Golden Gun"		
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Rugrats	HappyDay	WonderYr	WonderYr	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore	Taxi
(25)	Movie: "Breaking Away"				Movie: "Drums Along the Mohawk"				"A Summer Place"
(26)	Highlander: The Series	Walker, Texas Ranger			Movie: "Return of the Jedi"				
(27)	Law & Order	Biography			Titanic				
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Coach	Movie: "Masters of the Universe"				News		Beverly Hills, 90210
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Burden	Larry King Live		World Today	Sports Illus.	Moneyline

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 20, 1997									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
(3)	NHL Hockey: New York Islanders at Boston Bruins						News	Martin	Star Trek: Voyager
(32)	Kenny & Dolly: Christmas				Movie: "The Sackettis"				
(6)	Honey, I Shrunk the Kids				Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life"			News	Sat. Night
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Figure Skating		Figure Skating		Practice		News
(10)	Maine	True North	Fear-Favor-News		Talking With David Frost		Red Dwarf	Red Dwarf	On Tour
(22)	Sportsctr.	College Basketball: Tulsa at Kentucky			College Basketball: Fresno State at Minnesota				Sportsctr.
(34)	Hee Haw		Grand Ole Opry Live		Stallar Bros.		Miracle on Highway 31	Opry	Grand Opry
(13)	Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Medicine Woman		Early Edition		Walker, Texas Ranger		News
(41)	Celics	College Basketball: DePaul at St. John's			NBA Action		Boxing: Fight Time		
(15)	"Black Sheep" Cont'd		Movie: "Mars Attacks!"				Comedy Hour		Movie: "The Terminator"
(17)	Mr. Magoo's Christmas		Movie: "Toy Story"				Movie: "Ernest Saves Christmas"		Walt Disney Presents
(18)	"Bom Yesterday" Cont'd		Movie: "Cold Fever"				Movie: "The Glimmer Man"		Primal Fear
(20)	Red Sox Hall of Fame		Boxing: Fight Time				FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News
(44)	"Her Hidden Truth"				Movie: "I Know My First Name Is Steven"				
(5)	WCW Saturday Night		Movie: "Dr. No"					Movie: "Octopussy"	
(24)	Doug	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	All That	Kenan-Kel	Strange	WonderYr	WonderYr	HappyDay
(25)	Mr. Hobbs		Movie: "A Christmas Carol"				Remember WENN		Movie: "The Mountain"
(26)	"Mad Dog and Glory"		Movie: "Scrooged"						Movie: "Homecoming"
(27)	Mysteries of the Bible		Biography This Week				Movie: "In Cold Blood"		
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Riches	Movie: "Scrooge"				News		Coach
(39)	Capital	Business	Prime News	Sports Illus.	Larry King Weekend		World Today		CNN/Sports Illustrated

SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 21, 1997									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
(3)	Movie: "Stick"				Wild Things		News	Martin	Movie: "Citizens Band"
(32)	Movie: "The Angel of Pennsylvania Avenue"				Holiday Greetings From the Ed Sullivan Show				Hawaii Five-0
(6)	Dateline				Movie: "Little Women"				News
(8)	Movie: "Flash"				Movie: "Junior"				Outer Limits
(10)	National Geographic				Masterpiece Theatre		Masterpiece Theatre		Masterpiece Theatre
(22)	NFL Primetime				NFL Football: San Francisco 49ers at Seattle Seahawks				NFL Sportscenter
(34)	AmLegends	Ducks	Hunting	Hunting	Championship Rodeo		Raceday	NHRA	NASCAR
(13)	60 Minutes		Touched by an Angel		Movie: "A Christmas Memory"				News
(41)	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Boston Celtics				ABL Basketball: Columbus Quest at Atlanta Glory				Celics
(15)	Movie: "Bogus" Cont'd				Movie: "Twister"				Movie: "Breast Men"
(17)	Going Wild! Omba		Timon	Aladdin	Walt Disney Presents				Movie: "Snowball Express"
(18)	"A Very Brady Sequel"		Movie: "At Close Range"						Movie: "Precious Find"
(20)	Equestrian: Washington International						FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News
(44)	"Avalanche" Cont'd		Movie: "Improper Conduct"				Intimate Portrait		Homicide: Life
(5)	Movie: "Diamonds Are Forever" Cont'd				Movie: "For Your Eyes Only"				
(24)	Alex Mack	KenanKel	Film Fest	Nick News	HappyDay	WonderYr	Odd Couple	Van Dyke	Newhart
(25)	Day-Bad	Screen	Movie: "Shepherd of the Hills"				Movie: "The Getaway"		
(26)	"Scrooged" Cont'd		Pacific Blue		Silk Stalkings		La Femme Nikita		Big Easy
(27)	Ancient Mysteries		Holiday at Pops!				Judy Collins Christmas at the Billmore		
(12)	Nick Freno	Parent	Jamie Foxx	Tom	Unhappily	Airright	News	Replay	Coach
(39)	Capital	Crossfire	Prime News	Sports Illus.	Impact		World Today		Sports Illus.

MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 22, 1997									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	In House	Malcolm	Good News	Sparks	News	Cheers	Mad-You
(32)	Jesus of Nazareth Cont'd		Rescue 911		Diagnosis Murder		Hawaii Five-0		700 Club
(6)	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Suddenly	Jenny	Caroline	Fired Up	Dateline		News
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Peter Jennings Reporting		NFL Football: New England Patriots at Miami Dolphins				
(10)	News-Lehrer		Peter Ustinov's Mendelssohn		Cincinnati Pops Holiday		'Allo, 'Allo!		Red Green
(22)	Sportsctr.	NFL Prime Monday			Gymnastics: Tour of World Champions			Cheerlead	Sportsctr.
(34)	Dukes of Hazzard		Today's Country		Prime Time Country		Peace in the Valley		Dallas
(13)	Frasier	Ent. Tonight	Cosby	Gregory	Cybill	George	Holiday Stories		News
(41)	Writers	PBA Bowling: Senior World Invitational			College Basketball: Indiana vs. San Francisco				Basketball
(15)	Star Trek VI	Storyteller		Movie: "Chain Reaction"			Movie: "Live Nude Girls"		
(17)	Rudolph's New Year		Rudolph and Frosty's Christmas in July		Movie: "One Magic Christmas"				Walt Disney Presents
(18)	"Weekend at Bernie's II"		Movie: "Dead Again"				Movie: "Persons Unknown"		
(20)	Front Row	NHL Hockey: Detroit Red Wings at Boston Bruins					Sports		FOX Sports News
(44)	Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries			Movie: "House of Secrets"				Homicide: Life
(5)	Griffith	Griffith	Figure Skating: Holiday Festival on Ice				Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes		
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Hey Arnold!	HappyDay	WonderYr	WonderYr	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore	Taxi
(25)	Movie: "Five Million Years to Earth"				Movie: "The Roman Spring of Mrs. Stone"				Apprenticeship
(26)	Highlander: The Series	Walker, Texas Ranger			WWF Raw		WWF War Zone		Silk Stalkings
(27)	Law & Order	Biography			Poirt		Miss Marple		Law & Order
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Coach	7th Heaven		Buffy the Vampire Slayer		News		Beverly Hills, 90210
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Burden	Larry King Live		World Today		Sports Illus.

TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 23, 1997									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Moosha	Clueless	Hitz	Head-Heels	News	Cheers	M*A*S*H
(32)	Jesus of Nazareth Cont'd		Rescue 911		Diagnosis Murder		Hawaii Five-0		700 Club
(6)	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Mad-You	Suddenly	Frasier	Just Shoot	Dateline		News
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Grace	Soul Man	Home Imp.	Hiller-Diller	Behind Closed Doors V		News
(10)	News-Lehrer		Nova		Frontline		Innovation		'Allo, 'Allo!
(22)	Sportsctr.	College Basketball: Massachusetts at Connecticut			College Basketball: Illinois at Missouri				Sportsctr.
(34)	Dukes of Hazzard		Anne Murray's Christmas		Prime Time Country		Eddy Arnold		Dallas
(13)	Frasier	Ent. Tonight	Movie: "I'll Be Home for Christmas"				Ed Bradley		News
(41)	Snowbrd.	Pre-Game	NBA Basketball: Charlotte Hornets at Boston Celtics				ABL Basketball: Quest at Glory		
(15)	Stomp Out Loud		Movie: "Mars Attacks!"				Movie: "Mistrial"		
(17)	Teddy	Bestest	Movie: "It Nearly Wasn't Christmas"				Movie: "Ernest Saves Christmas"		Walt Disney Presents
(18)	Movie: "Grease" Cont'd		Search-Mother		"Cheech & Chong's Nice Dreams"				Movie: "Boomerang"
(20)	Front Row	NFL Access	Hardcore Football		Football	Front Row	Sports		College Basketball: Kan. at USC
(44)	Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries			Movie: "The Shell Seekers"				Homicide: Life
(5)	Griffith	Griffith	Movie: "The Goonies"						Figure Skating: Holiday Festival on Ice
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Alex Mack	HappyDay	WonderYr	WonderYr	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore	Taxi
(25)	Movie: "The Long, Hot Summer"				Movie: "Gun for a Coward"				"The Four Musketeers"
(26)	Highlander: The Series	Walker, Texas Ranger			Movie: "Witness"				Stalkings
(27)	Law & Order	Biography			Movie: "Inspector Morse: Infernal Serpent"				Law & Order
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Coach	Hollywood Christmas Parade				News		Beverly Hills, 90210
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Burden	Larry King Live		World Today		Sports Illus.

WEDNESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 24, 1997										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Star Trek: Voyager	Sentinel			News	Cheers	Seinfeld	Real TV
(32)	Jesus of Nazareth Cont'd		Movie: "Christmas Eve"				Kenny & Dolly: Christmas		700 Club	
(6)	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Movie: "Dennis the Menace"			Dateline		News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Spin City	Dharma	Drew Carey	Ellen	Primetime Live		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer		Maine State Concert Series			Maine State Concert Series: Choral Art			Christmas at St. Olaf	
(22)	Sportsctr.	Kickoff-Review		Best of Sportscenter			Arela Awards		Sportscenter	
(34)	Dukes of Hazzard		To Be Announced		Prime Time Country		Merry Christmas		Dallas	
(13)	Frasier	Ent. Tonight	Nanny	Gregory	Public Eye		Chicago Hope		Yuletide Traditions	
(41)	Skiing Magazine on TV		Ski & Board	Ski	Ski & Board	Skiing	Ski & Board	Ski & Board	Snowbrd.	Passport
(15)	"The Slugger's Wife"		Movie: "Black Sheep"			Movie: "Mo' Money"		"Star Trek: First Contact"		
(17)	Movie: "Toy Story"			Small One	Movie: "The Preacher's Wife"			Walt Disney Presents		
(18)	Movie: "Top Gun" Cont'd		Movie: "Fly Away Home"				Movie: "Down and Out in Beverly Hills"			
(20)	Basketball	College Basketball: Puerto Rico Classic -- St. Louis vs. Syracuse					Sports	FOX Sports News		
(44)	Different-Christmas		Movie: "Ebbie"				Movie: "Driving Miss Daisy"			
(5)	Griffith	Griffith	Grinch	Movie: "Pete's Dragon"			Movie: "Babes in Toyland"			
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Hay Arnold!	HappyDay	WonderYr	WonderYr	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore	Taxi	Newhart
(25)	Demetrius	Movie: "A Christmas Carol"			Remember WENN		Movie: "Holiday Inn"			
(26)	Movie: "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"				Movie: "Beethoven"				Movie: "K-9"	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		American Justice		20th Century		Law & Order	
(32)	Fam. Mat.	Coach	Sister, Sis.	Smart Guy	Wayans	Harvey	News		Movie: "Scrooge"	
(19)	MovieLine	Crossfire	Prime News	Burden	Larry King Live		World Today		Sports Illustrated	

Community Calendar

Activities

Tuesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.--Beginning Clogging at the Newry Grange Hall. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Newry Recreation Committee. Call Nancy (824-2115) for information -- or just come.

Tuesdays, 3 to 5 p.m.--Computer Lab time at the Adult Learning Center, Bethel (Windows 95, MS Office 97, and Internet). Public users must have their own e-mail account with a provider or may use one of the free e-mail services available on the Internet. Lee Dolleman supervises the lab.

Fridays, 7 to 9 p.m.--Ballroom Dance Classes at Greenwood Town Hall to benefit Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Donation: \$25 (tax deductible). For information/registration, call Nancy Willard, instructor, at 665-2788.

Starting Jan. 22, 6:30 to 9 p.m.--The Alliance for the mentally ill of Maine 12-week family education course starts at G.R.A.M.I. Board Room (second floor), 150 Congress Street, Rumford, sponsored by Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Free. Pre-registration suggested (prior to Dec. 29). Call Diane Farnum at 364-3549 for further information and/or to register.

Friday, Dec. 18, 7 to 9 p.m.--Bethel Area Poets Society reading at Cafe DiCocoa, Main Street, Bethel. All poets and prose writers welcome. For more information, contact Rocky at 824-3427.

Friday, Dec. 19, 7 p.m.--The "Sweet Adelines" will sing Christmas songs at Waterford Congregational Church, Waterford Flat. Free. Donations Accepted.

Living Nativity at Hosmer Field, Rumford, 7 p.m. Admission is non-perishable food item for local food pantries or a gift for Santa's helpers.

The Kracker-Jack Theater will present "The Gift of the Magi" at 1 p.m. at Woodstock Elementary School.

Friday, Dec. 19 and Sunday, Dec. 21, 7 p.m.--"Christmas at the Sock Hop," an original play by Dennis Barker and directed by Dale Royer with over 20 actors, will be presented at the Center Lovell Church.

Saturday, Dec. 20, Bethel Alliance Church choir will carol in Bethel Village from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Free hayrides, 2 to 4 p.m., Main Street, Bethel.

Rumford Point Community Athletic Association bottle drive in Rumford Point/Hanover area, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., to benefit the Andy Bean family. Bottles may be dropped off at Hanover village store. Cash donations also accepted.

Sunday, Dec. 21, 6:30 p.m.--A Christmas cantata, "A Night to Remember," will be presented at the Calvary Hill Congregational Church.

Candlelight Christmas Service at West Bethel Union Church, 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Finnish-American Society of Maine monthly meeting at 2 p.m. at the Heritage Center, West Paris, in observance of Finland's 80th year of independence. Christmas caroling and exchange of gifts will follow.

Bethel's Living Nativity on the Common, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 28, 7 p.m.--Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Company will be featured at the Summit Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort. Tickets: \$3 for kids, \$5 for adults in advance; \$4 and \$6 at the door.

Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 10-11, Bethel Winter Festival.

Wednesday, Jan. 14--Bethel Senior Citizens Club monthly meeting and luncheon at Bethel Methodist Church, 11:30 p.m.

Reach

Rape Ed. and Crisis Hotline 1-800-622-2365. Sexual abuse helpline, 743-9777. Past or present victims of abuse.

Exchanges

District Exchange--Open every Monday 1-4 p.m., Thursday, 4-6 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ethel Bisbee School, Bethel. Clothing on sale, food available for those in need.

Community Service Center--Supplies available for emergencies and disaster relief at Thurlow Hall, Perkins Valley Road, South Woodstock. For aid or information call 674-2663.

Abused Women's Advocacy Project

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24-hour hotline 1-800-559-2927.

Veterans' Services (State/VA Benefits)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Story hour for preschoolers, Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-5 p.m.; 6-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 4-8 p.m.; Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through May). Michelle Conroy, Librarian.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.

Upton Public Library: First and third Thursday of each month, 6:30-8 p.m.

Church Services

Bethel

West Parish Congregational--Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, 10:30 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene--Rev. John Grant, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service

Our Lady of the Snows--Rev. Lawrence Conley, Mass--Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Bethel Alliance Church--Rev. Richard Mowery, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship service. 6 p.m. evening service.

United Methodist--Rev. Henry S. Nickerson, Pastor, 10 a.m. Sunday worship. Nursery care provided.

West Bethel Union--Rev. Joyce Scott, 9 a.m. worship and church school.

Pleasant Valley Bible--Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship.

Episcopal House Church--at Bohrs' on 38 Chapman Street, 4 p.m., third Sunday of the month. 824-2913.

Church of Christ--at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist--Rev. Linwood Hanson, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. evening service.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist--Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday, 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Unitarian Universalist--Sunday worship service, 9 a.m., first and third Sunday of each month.

Andover

First Congregational Church--Pastor Jane Rich. 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. Religious education: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m. beginning Oct. 21.

Calvary Congregational Church--Winter hours: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., worship service 10:45 a.m., fellowship brunch following. Wed. nights, Bible study and prayer meeting, 6:45 p.m. Rev. Duane Waite.

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union--Rev. Deborah M. Jenks, 9 a.m. worship and Sunday school.

East Stoneham

East Stoneham Congregational--Rev. Janice Wilcox, 10 a.m. worship in February, April, June, August, October and December. 9 a.m. church school (Oct.-June).

Newry

Newry Community Church--Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor.

Albany

Congregational Church - Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday summer worship, March 30 through November. Pastor Eddie Gammon.

Norway/Paris

Christian Science Society (9 Stevens St.)-- Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church-- Route 117N, S. Paris, 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10:15 a.m. worship followed by coffee fellowship. Summer service 9 a.m.

West Paris Baptist--Pastor Gordon DeHaas. Sunday worship 9 a.m., 6:45 p.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

North Paris Baptist--Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Church-- Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Rev. Deborah Jenks.

Monthly Meetings

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.

First Monday: V.F.W., Lions' Hall, Bethel, 7 p.m. 824-2587.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17, Bryant Pond, JR Grange Hall, 7 p.m. For more info. call 665-2460.

Fibromyalgia Syndrome- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome meeting, Bethel Family Health Center, 7 p.m. For info. call 824-3232.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for meeting place.

The Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.

Bethel Airport Authority, 7 p.m. Call town office for meeting place in Feb. and March.

Third Monday: Western Maine Foothills Toastmasters, 6:30 p.m. Dirigo High School, Dixfield. Call 562-4931 for info.

Every Monday: Mahosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church.

Grief group (for the loss of a loved one) meets from 6-8 p.m. in the conference room of the Bethel Family Health Center.

First Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Windy Valley Snowmobile Club meets at Newry Town Office, 7 p.m.

First and Third Tuesday: Woodstock Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Lions Den on Main Street at 7 p.m.

Second Tuesday: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.

Telstar Alumni Association meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Telstar Library.

Second and Fourth Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m.

Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.

Greenwood Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

Cross-Country Quilters meet at the Bethel Library from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

First Wednesday: Purity Chapter 102, OES, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7:30 p.m.

Gilead selectmen meet at Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Area Arachnes Spinning Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Pollock luncheon.

Western Maine Foothills Toastmasters, 6:30 p.m., Dirigo High School, Dixfield. Call 562-4931 for info.

Second Wednesday: Single parent support group meets at the West Parish Congregational Church, 7-9 p.m.

CPS/PTA meets from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Babysitting provided.

First and Third Wednesday: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Wednesday: Bethel Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Fourth Wednesday: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, H.F. Richardson Tent #19, East Stoneham, K of P Hall, 7 p.m. For more info. call 928-2611.

Women's Fellowship, West Parish Congregational Church, Garland Chapel, Bethel, 9:30 a.m.

Every Wednesday: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:45-7 p.m., Telstar H.S. cafeteria.

First Thursday: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Second Thursday: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at Crescent Park School conference room, 7:30 a.m.

Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM.

The Bethel VFW Memorial Post 11363 meets at the Lions Hall on Main Street at 7 p.m.

First and Third Thursday: Jackson-Silver Post, Locke Mills, 7 p.m.

Fourth Thursday: Bethel Area Poets Society Reading, 7 to 9 p.m. Call 824-3427 for more info.

Every Thursday: Andover Water District Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. at 28 S. Main St. (Next meeting Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m.)

West Paris Board of Selectmen meet at the Town Office, 6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Newry home of Norman and Eleanor Davis, 824-2844.

Third Friday: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

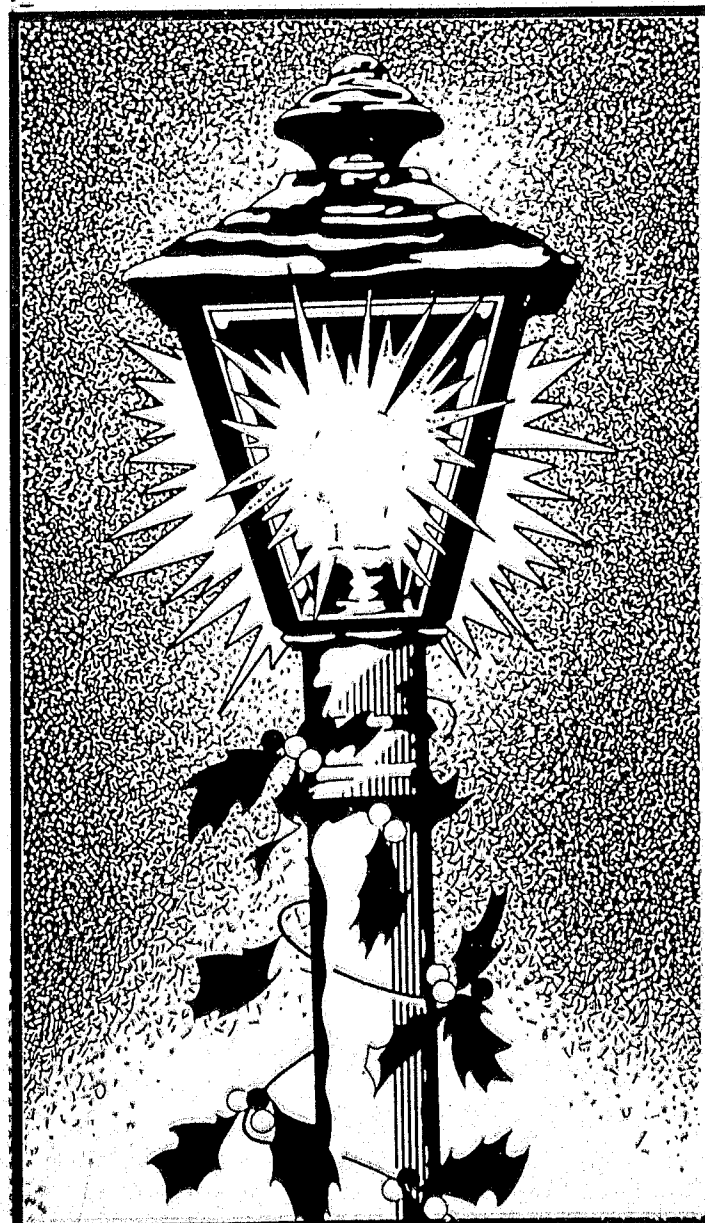
Every Friday: Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post No. 68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6 p.m.

First Saturday: Western Maine Mountain Jeepers meet at 7 p.m. at Bethel Fire Station.

Second Saturday: Woodstock Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. in historical society museum. Open to public.

Last Saturday: Upton Planning Board meets at 9 a.m. at the Town Office.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen office or mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The deadline is Monday noon.



Bethel Village & Area Calendar

Last Country Christmas Weekend
December 19th, 20th, 21st

Last minute shopping, refreshments & goodies

FRIDAY, 19th

7:30 pm: Yulefest Christmas Student Concert
At Gould Academy, Bethel. For info. call 207-824-7700

FRI, SAT. & SUN. Free Cross Country Skiing

At The Bethel Inn & Country Club Cross Country Ski Center.
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SATURDAY, 20th

12-4 pm: Piano by Local Musicians - At The Village Sampler
facing the Bethel Common. Refreshments, For info. call 207-824-4438

SAT. & SUN. Annual Christmas Tree Sale

Sponsored by Greenstock Snow Sports at Lowell Saw Shop, Rt. 26, South.
For info. call 207-824-5085

2-4 pm: FREE Hayrides - in Bethel Village

6-7:30 pm: Caroling on Main St. with Bethel Alliance Church Choir.
Meet at the Gazebo on the Bethel Common. All singers welcome

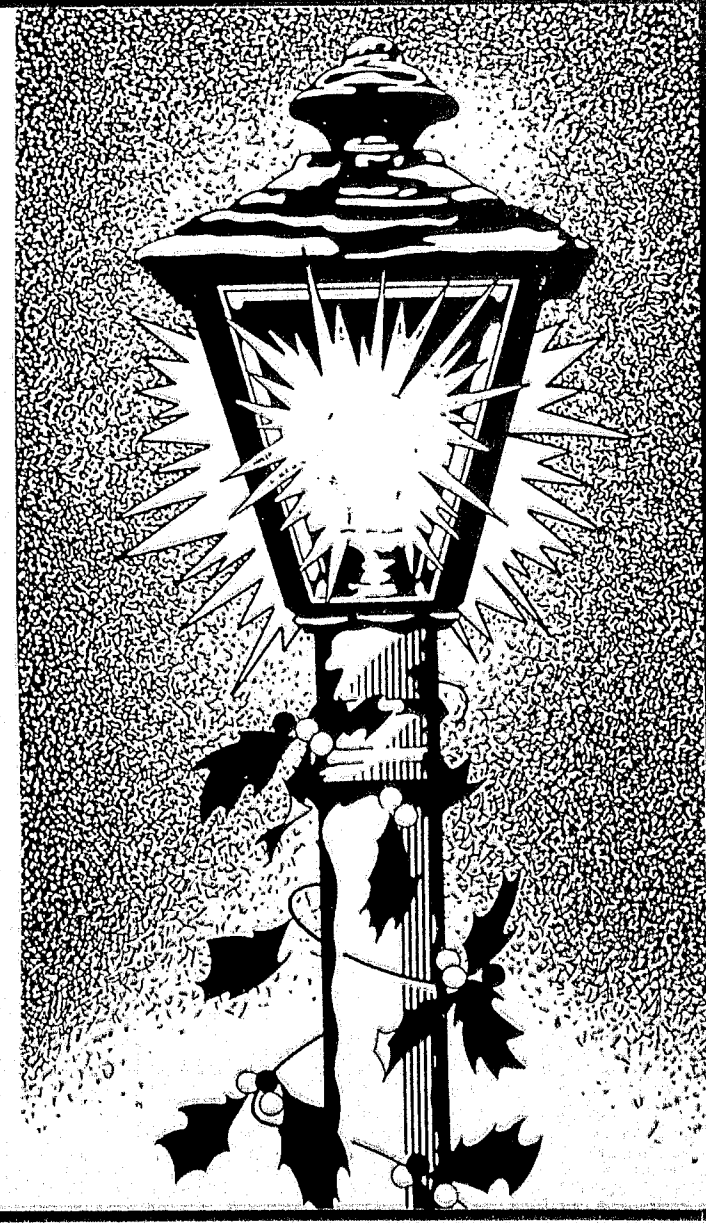
SUNDAY, 21st

5 pm: Living Nativity - On the Bethel Common. For info. call 207-824-4095
7 pm: Christmas Candlelight Service
At West Bethel Union Church. For info. call 207-836-3533

WEDNESDAY, 24th

7 pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - At Andover Congregational Church.

7 & 11 pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - West Parish Congregational Church



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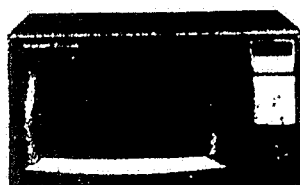
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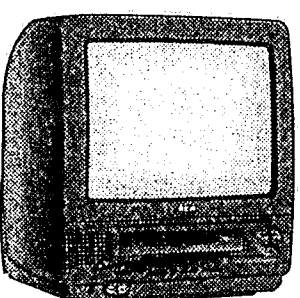
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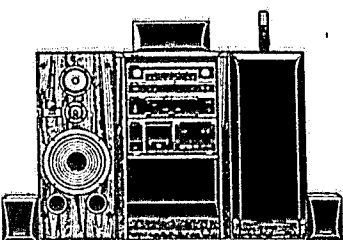
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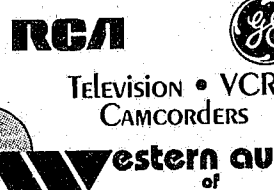
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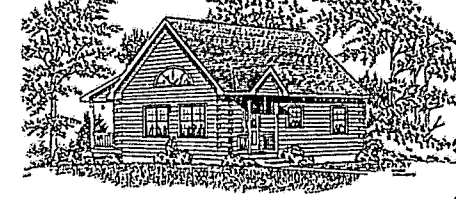
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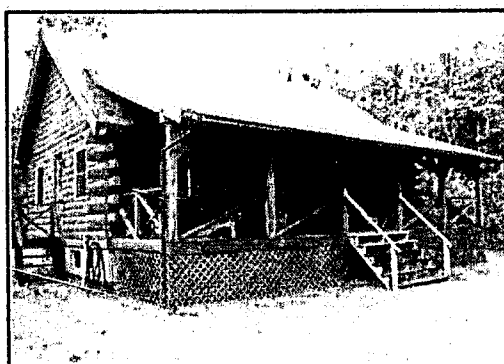
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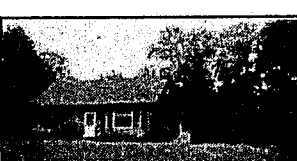
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Greenwood: The very last house prior to Ski Mt. Abram parking lot. Cozy & well maintained 1 BR + loft log cabin with full basement & FHA oil heat. Near slopes/lifts. Very affordable! Listed below town valuation. \$49,000



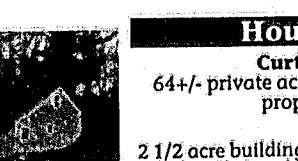
Greenwood: Situated on an elevated lot, just off Route 26, en route to skiways, this home offers 3 bedrooms, spacious living areas, attached shed. Just Reduced Now \$59,900



South Pond: Nearly new 3 BR ranch in secluded area offers privacy, views & ROW to beach. Large 5+/- acre lot. Fully furnished. \$145,000. Sellers will pay all closing costs. \$110,900



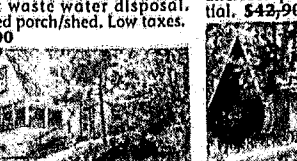
Milton Plantation, Concord Pond: Cozy 2 BR camp in private location. Ideal getaway! Possibilities include hunting camp, vacation camp or year round residence. Recently installed cup well & waste water disposal. Endless porch/shed. Low taxes. \$42,900 \$39,900



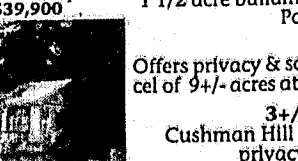
Milton Plantation: 3 BR bungalow on secluded 1 1/2+/- acre lot offers privacy and affordability. Spacious living area, detached barn/shed, enclosed porch. Lots of potential. \$42,900 \$39,900



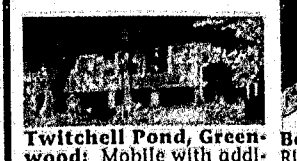
Mt. Abram, Greenwood: Spacious 5+ BR chalet, 2 1/2 baths, full basement, large upper/lower decks, mountain views. Possible owner financing. Affordable \$89,900 Reduced to \$85,900



South Pond, Greenwood: Conveniently located 2 BR cottage, pond views, year round access, ROW to pond, sandy beach/ dock area. Reduced to \$69,900



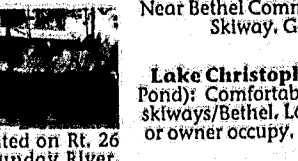
Mt. Abram: Situated on a double corner lot, this chalet boasts 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths, fireplace, WS, privacy and lovely mountain views. Reduced to \$79,900



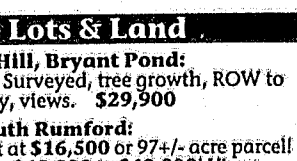
Witchell Pond, Greenwood: Mobile with addition offers 4 BR, dock, 100%+ shorefrontage, year round access. Price Reduced! Affordable! \$49,900



Bethel: Located off Sunday River Road, this 4 BR, 1 1/2 bath Chalet boasts spacious living area, is convenient to Sunday River Skiway. Double lot private. \$97,900



Bethel: Situated on Rt. 26 en route to Sunday River, this 3 BR home has spacious living areas, is comfortable and affordable at \$59,900



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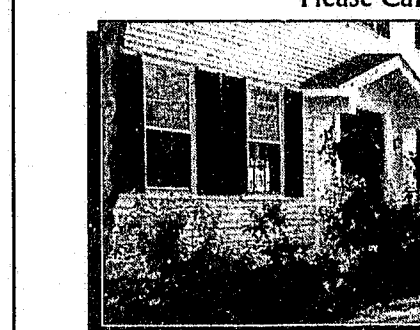
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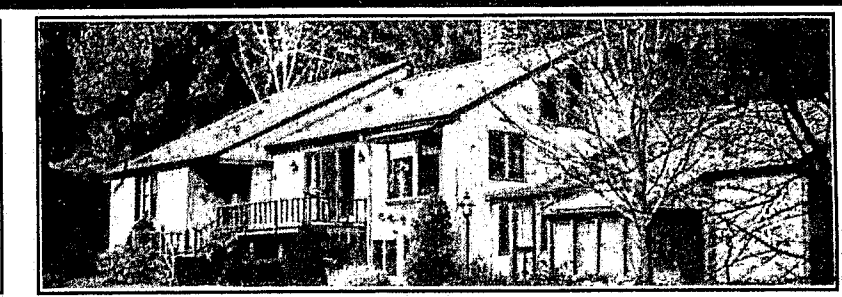
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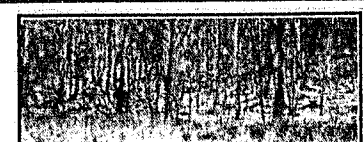


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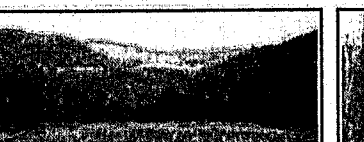
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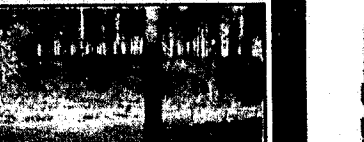
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Obituaries

PAULINE M. SHATNEY

Pauline M. (Wilson) Shatney, 89, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 1997, at the Olean General Hospital, Allegany, N.Y.

She was born on Sept. 3, 1908, daughter of the late Irving and Edith (Adams) Wilson, in Harpswell. On Jan. 16, 1936, she married Arnold M. Shatney, who predeceased her on Dec. 20, 1986.

Mrs. Shatney grew up and attended grammar school on Orr's Island and later attended Brunswick High School.

A former resident of Bethel and Rumford Point, she moved to North Conway, N.H., in 1988 to live with her granddaughter, Mrs. Karen Kinney. In 1996 the family moved to Allegany when the Rev. Kinney became pastor of the Five Mile Baptist Church.

Mrs. Shatney has been very active in church activities and has been affectionately known as "Grammy" to the children of the church. She was a member of the Five Mile Baptist Church and a former member of the First Baptist Church of North Conway and the Pleasant Valley Bible Church in West Bethel.

Mrs. Shatney is survived by a daughter, Constance Murphy of Methuen, Mass.; three sons, Bruce and his wife Linda of Dover, N.H., the Rev. Wayne and his wife Sandra of Pownal, and Gregory and his wife Carol of Media, Pa.; a sister, Lola Jones of Columbus, N.C.; 14 grandchildren; three great-

grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son, Rudolph, and a brother, Bernard Wilson.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 15, at the Five Mile Baptist Church, Allegany. Those who wish may make donations in Pauline's memory to the Five Mile Baptist Church, Allegany, N.Y.

Card of Thanks

To all my friends and family who made my 80th birthday such a wonderful day, I thank you so very much.

Rodney K. Howe

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Eugene E. Buswell
Aug. 10, 1920
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A voice we loved is still
A place made vacant in our hearts
Which never can be filled
Lies one we loved so dearly
In his silent lonely grave
Friends may think he is forgotten
That the wound is surely healed
But they little know the sorrow
That lies in our hearts concealed
Days of sorrow still comes over us
Tears in silence often flow
Memories keep us ever near you
Though it's been 9 years
You'll never be forgotten
by your loved ones.

Sadly missed by Wife,
Children & Grandchildren



Faulkingham - Dunlea

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Faulkingham of Bryant Pond, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy, to Timothy Dunlea, son of Mrs. Patricia Alexander and the late Jesse Alexander.

Wendy is currently the branch manager of Citizens Bank in Portsmouth, N.H., Durgin Square Location. She is also attending New Hampshire College to receive her MBA.

Tim is employed by Coca Cola, in South Portland, in the sales and distribution department.

The couple plan to be married in September 1998.

Births

Robert and Lorie Jewell of Norway are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Robert Charles Jewell III, born Dec. 9, 1997, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Melvin and Shirley Olson of Bethel and Clearwater, Fla.

Paternal grandparents are Robert and Georgette Jewell of Norway and Ft. Myers, Fla.

Robert joins sisters Kelsey, 13, and Charlee, 12.

Katie and Andrew Billings of Bryant Pond are pleased to an-

nounce the arrival of a baby boy, Jared Clyde, born Dec. 5, 1997, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

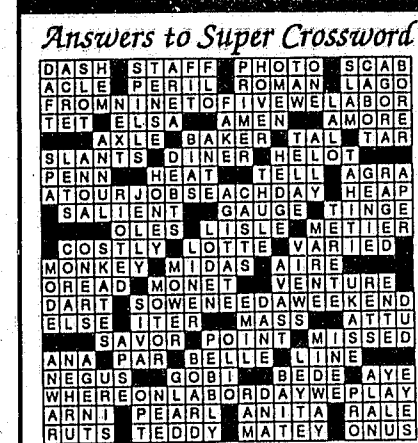
Maternal grandparents are Scott and Mary Groves of Locke Mills.

Paternal grandparents are Reggie and Valerie Billings of Bryant Pond.

Card of Thanks

Special thanks to all our family and friends for our surprise 40th Anniversary party. The money tree, cards, gifts, etc., were greatly appreciated. The beautiful cake was made by Sally Smith.

Thanks Again,
Den & Rita Wilson



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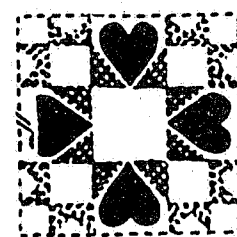
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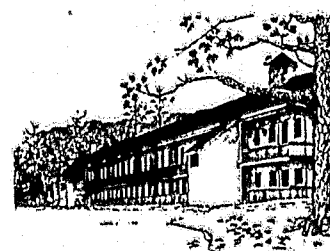
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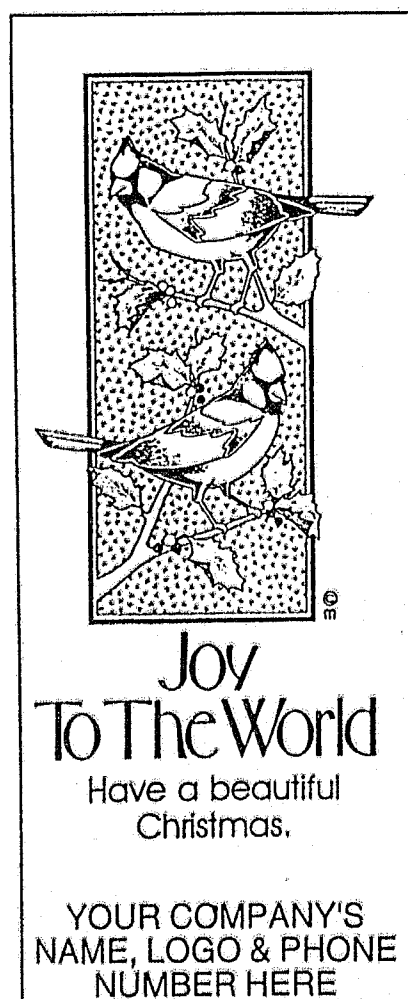
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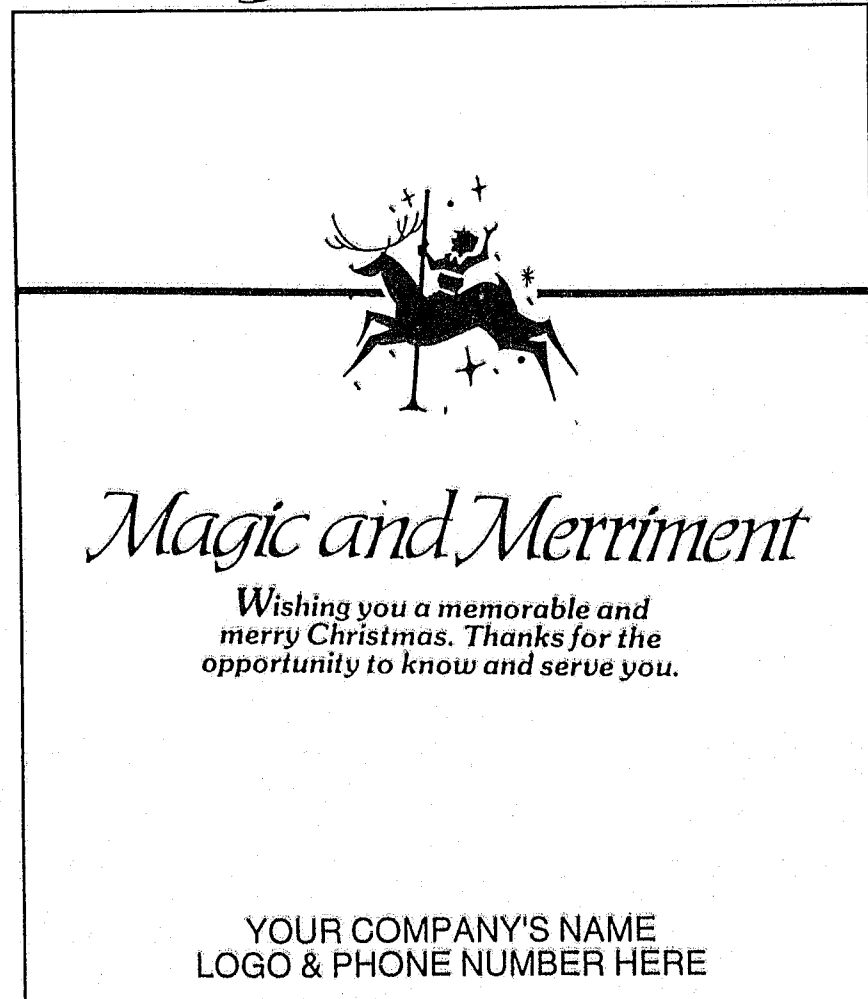
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